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Abuse of foreign worker program is rare: Minister

Labour. Feds promise crackdown as experts voice skepticism about benefits of system

Jason Kenney says only a "small number" of companies are abusing Ottawa's temporary foreign workers program, as a major fast-food chain freezes its participation, and a respected economist casts fresh doubt on the extent of Canada's skills shortage.

The federal employment minister reiterated Wednesday that employers who abuse the program could face fraud charges and jail time.

"In some small numbers there are cases of abuse, and we don't tolerate those. We intend to crack down on them severely," Kenney said.

"The more important thing is that we prevent abuse in the first place, and that's why we've tightened up the rules, and we'll continue to do so."

Kenney's office denied his remarks amounted to a defence of the controversial program, saying the minister is committed to punishing abusers and plans to announce changes soon.

On Wednesday, McDonald's announced it was putting its participation in the program on hold while a third party conducts an audit. The fast-food giant has been in hot water for hiring many temporary foreign workers at some of its Canadian franchises.

Side effects

"(Foreign workers staying after their visas expire) is very common, and the government has simply ignored all that international experience."

Jeffrey Reitz, U of T immigration expert

Indeed, a vast array of companies and government bodies employ temporary foreign workers, according to data compiled by Kenney's ministry.

There has been a particularly significant increase in the number of hotels and restaurants accessing the program under the Conservatives. The initiative was originally designed to address shortages of skilled workers, not menial labour.

Jeffrey Reitz, an immigra-

tion expert at the University of Toronto, warned that opening Canada's doors to temporary workers with few skills will lead to a host of problems.

"The experience in every country has been that temporary foreign workers at low skill levels, when their visas expire, may decide to stay on without authorization," he said.

"It's very common, and the government has simply ignored all that international experience ... They have no way to monitor whether those people actually leave the country."

Don Drummond, an economist who wrote a report for the government five years ago on labour markets, said there's no hard data to back up Ottawa's claim that a persistent skills shortage justifies the use of such workers.

"It's all anecdotal evidence," said Drummond.

Kenney has acknowledged the government needs to do a better job compiling labour market data.

The minister has also hinted that he's mulling over restrictions that would make it more difficult for fast-food restaurants in urban areas to apply. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



UNREST OVER U.S. VISIT

Police in Manila train a fire hose at people protesting the visit of U.S. President Barack Obama as they try to force their way closer to the U.S. Embassy on Wednesday. Authorities clashed with more than 100 activists who oppose a looming pact that will increase the American military presence in the Philippines and provide U.S. troops greater access to military bases in the country. Obama will arrive in Manila on April 28 for a two-day visit amid mounting concerns about China's aggressive efforts to assert its territorial claims. Story, page 12. **BULLIT MARQUEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Surprise! Their \$5,000 water bill

Come collectin'. City never connected meters to water system at 30 townhomes built in late 2007; now it wants residents to pay up

It's like the city wasn't aware they existed, so now it's making up for lost time.

That's how residents of an east Toronto townhouse complex describe their current splash with the city's water services department. Despite repeated calls from some asking to have their water meters hooked up, 30 units were never officially added to the water grid.

Last week, at long last, residents found water bills in their mail slots. But they were aghast at the amounts billed: more than \$5,000 in some cases, stretching back more than six years to when the complex was built.

And payment is due May 5.

A hefty IOU

- The average annual water bill in Toronto — based on 300 cubic metres per year — is currently \$887. In 2008, just after the east Toronto complex was built, the average was \$522.
- The city is working with some of the homeowners to extend the due date for their bills and to pay them incrementally.

"Everybody I spoke with got billed the same amount," said Jim Barbour, who lives on the corner of Dundas and Kingston. He's written a letter to the city and his local councillor, Mary-Margaret McMahon, demanding an explanation for how the bills were calculated, and why — and how — the city didn't bill them for so long.

"It took nearly seven years to notice 30 homes weren't getting bills," Barbour said. "Who's reviewing the water meter bill-



Jim Barbour holds up his Easter surprise water bill of \$5,158.43. The Barbours claim they tried to inform the city numerous times in the six years they lived there to install a water meter. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ing at the city?"

City communications coordinator Lyne Kyle said in an email that Toronto Water realized something was amiss early this month when one of the homeowners called to ask

about getting a meter.

Kyle said the city calculated the bills for Barbour and his neighbours by pegging the average consumption of homes this size — one cubic metre of water per day — to the annual

price of water, which has been rising steadily over the years.

"Moving forward, once the meters are installed, these homeowners will be charged based on their water use," Kyle said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Airport tunnel problems known since 2012



Port Technicore superintendent Joseph Dimillo, left, and Port Authority project co-ordinator Jeff Joss make their way through the tunnel last fall. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Just days after the Toronto Port Authority said a harsh winter would push completion of the island airport tunnel into 2015, it was revealed other problems were known as far back as summer 2012 when digging began.

The \$82.5-million pedestrian tunnel was scheduled to open this August, but port authority director of infrastructure Ken Lundy told Torstar News Service cold weather forced workers to spend hours hacking at built-up ice in the two main tunnel shafts, causing a delay. Board chair Mark McQueen tweeted a photo of ice-covered tunnel shafts in late

March when he announced a "Winter 14/15 opening."

The National Post first reported that metal leftovers from a 79-year-old partial tunnel, contaminated soil and a failure to win exemptions from the city's noise curfew to work around the clock were behind the lengthy delay.

When the 240-metre tunnel was announced, spring 2014 was the projected completion date. Last summer, it was changed to August 2014 and now possibly early 2015.

The existing problems were "compounded" by the severe cold weather, said a statement

from the contractor, PCL Constructors Canada Inc.

In 2012 PCL applied for an exemption to the noise bylaw that would have allowed crews to work overnight from February to July 2012. It was rejected in June. In other words, the problems were known well before the winter set in.

The tunnelling company, Technicore Underground Inc., has been issued a legal directive by the port authority not to speak to the media, said vice-president Gary Benner.

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Ongoing work

- Construction on a tunnel at the foot of Bathurst began in 1935. Digging started under the harbour's Western Gap, which separates the mainland from the island. The hole was filled in after a new federal government cancelled the project in 1936.
- In 2012, crews struck sheet metal pilings that had been underwater for nearly eight decades.

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Transit. Greening of Crosstown LRT comes with higher price tag

In Paris, Amsterdam and Hamburg, light-rail vehicles travel along ribbons of green. Grass, sedum and other plants grow along the tracks, creating the look of linear parks in dozens of cities from Kenosha, Wis., to Berlin.

That's what planners want to see on Toronto's new LRT lines on Sheppard East and Finch West and on the Eglinton Crosstown, where the light rail transit emerges from a central tunnel to run on the road between Brentcliffe Road and Kennedy station.

"The objective is to make this portion of Eglinton very user friendly — a place, as opposed to a street," said chief planner Jennifer Keesmaat, who believes green tracks are viable and cost-effective to maintain in Toronto.

"It's esthetically pleasing. It's also a really important part of greening the corridor," said Keesmaat.

The problem: It takes green to make green.

A city consultant estimated



Jennifer Keesmaat

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the cost at about \$8,400 per linear metre of double track for a green trackway, compared with about \$4,700 for gravel ballast similar to that used on GO Transit lines. The green trackway requires a concrete base, drainage and irrigation pipes, and a mixture of sand and organic fill for the sedums to grow in, which accounts for the higher cost estimate.

Metrolinx estimates a green trackway would cost about 22 per cent more than gravel or asphalt. It has not specified the kind of trackway Crosstown project bidders are to incorporate in their designs.

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Evacuated tenants still can't return to apartments

Roxton Road. Six people were ordered out when adjoining house partly fell

Details

- Mario Angelucci, Toronto's deputy chief building official, said preliminary engineering reports indicate that the foundations of the home at 290 Roxton Rd. will need stabilization work and then "probably extensive" demolition.

- Another engineer is combing through the building to determine whether it's structurally sound. It may also need remedial work. There's no telling how long it will take.

Tenants of a Little Italy house who were evacuated last Wednesday when the adjoining semi-detached Victorian partially collapsed won't be going home any time soon.

Six tenants at 292 Roxton Rd. were ordered out of their apartments on April 16 around 11:30 p.m. as the back of the three-storey house next door, which was undergoing major renovations, crumbled.

Tenant Jenna Oldham said she returned home shortly before midnight to find the street packed with fire trucks and police cruisers.

A firefighter accompanied her into her unit to get her cat. As she emerged, emergency workers were taping off both the building housing her

apartment and the crumpled home next door at 290 Roxton Rd.

No one has been allowed in since.

Oldham has stayed with friends and family, dishing out an estimated \$1,000 in the past week on clothes, toilet-



Jenna Oldham, a tenant at 292 Roxton Rd., left. She and other tenants haven't been allowed back into their homes and likely won't be for weeks or months. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ries and all the necessities she left behind.

"All I had was what I went to work with," said Oldham, who's lived on Roxton Road for about 11 years. "It's just everything. You don't really think about what you need until you don't have it."

On Wednesday, Oldham said her landlady told the tenants it could be four to six months before the building is safe again.

Both the city and the provincial Ministry of Labour are investigating the collapse.

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Congratulations Shyam Selvadurai

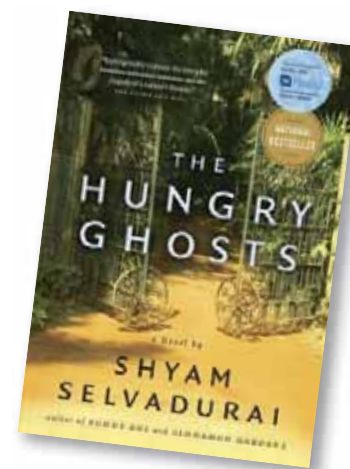
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Firefighters injured fighting massive blaze

Mississauga. Warehouse explosion leaves one responder in critical but stable condition

Four firefighters were injured Wednesday following an explosion and wall collapse during a massive blaze at a warehouse in Mississauga, Ont.

Fire Chief John McDougall said one of the four men, who was taken to a Toronto hospital, was in critical but stable condition on Wednesday afternoon.

McDougall said two others suffered broken bones when something exploded as they were entering the building on Wednesday morning, while the fourth man was treated for smoke inhalation.

McDougall said all four are

"seasoned" and experienced firefighters at the mid-career level, and that all had been conscious and talking in hospital.

Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion said firefighters had no idea what they were up against when they arrived at the scene because the building was vacant the last time it was inspected.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Firefighters attend an industrial fire in Mississauga Wednesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Butane, aerosol cans

Peel police Const. Thomas Ruttan said the warehouse was a storage facility and that butane lighters and aerosol cans of insect spray stored there caused explosions inside. There were no concerns about toxicity in the smoke coming from the building.

Hydro. Rates going up, despite debt charge drop

Residential consumers will still see their hydro bills go up, even though the governing Liberals are planning to remove the controversial debt retirement charge from their monthly statements in 2016.

The Ontario Clean Energy Benefit, which takes 10 per cent off hydro bills, will also expire at the same time. The majority of ratepayers will also be expected to bankroll a proposed program that would offset energy costs for lower-income families.

According to the government, a typical family consuming about 800 kilowatt hours per month would save about \$75.60 a year after taxes once the debt retirement charge is removed on Jan. 1, 2016.

But those savings would be cancelled out by the loss of a \$180 annual rebate from the clean energy benefit, which was introduced in 2012.

However, the Liberals are promising a support program

Quoted

"It's increasing the hydro bills of the middle class to pay for low-income families."

Tory finance critic Vic Fedeli

for families with an income of up to \$40,000 that would provide about the same savings as the clean energy benefit after it expires. An eligible family could save on average \$250 a year when combined with the removal of the DRC, Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli said Wednesday.

"This is real rate relief for those who need it most."

By getting ratepayers to foot the bill, the Liberals can take all the credit for a program that won't add to the already staggering provincial debt they've racked up, the Progressive Conservatives said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

'Modest'. Hike biz tax to help pay for transit: NDP

Ontario's New Democrats are proposing to hike business taxes to help pay for a massive public transit expansion in the Toronto-Hamilton area.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath says she supports a "modest" increase to the corporate income tax rate, but wouldn't say how much. The government says the tax currently stands at 11.5 per cent, down from 14 per cent in 2010.

Horwath says her party would also sell the province's General Motors shares — a one-time gain — and put off a proposed Toronto subway extension to Thornhill, north of the city.

She says she'd put the \$3.5 billion that would be spent on that project to build a downtown relief line and the planned



NDP Leader Andrea Horwath
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Scarborough subway extension.

The governing Liberals have said the current plans for improving transit in the region would cost about \$2 billion a year. They say the NDP have already promised to use money from a corporate tax hike for other purposes, such as reducing health-care wait times and eliminating the \$11.3-billion budget. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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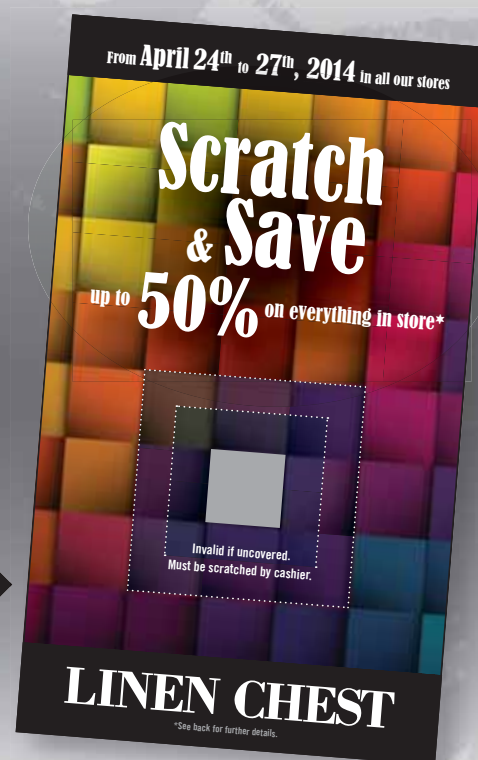
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Olympic hockey. Men's gold medal game a big winner for Toronto pubs

Toronto pubs claimed a major victory from the Canadian men's Olympic gold medal hockey game, which drove up food and liquor sales in bars and restaurants by a whopping 877 per cent on Feb. 23 alone, according to a new report.

City council's controversial decision to allow bars and restaurants to serve alcohol as early as 7 a.m. during the game in



Team Canada fans packed pubs everywhere for the gold medal men's hockey game.

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Sochi versus Sweden helped Toronto more than the rest of Ontario, which enjoyed a spending increase of 142 per cent that day (excluding Toronto) compared to the same day last year, says a Moneris Solutions Corp. study released Wednesday.

National celebrations aside, the brutal winter weather saw Canadian consumer spending significantly cool down in the first three months of this year, says the quarterly spending report by Canada's largest credit and debit card processor.

It revealed that compared to the first quarter of 2013, consumer spending rose only 0.84 per cent. March saw the largest increase of the quarter, edging up 0.95 per cent, followed by January with a 0.90 per cent increase. February experienced the smallest growth, with a modest 0.66 per cent gain.

"Over the past six months, we have only seen growth of 1.44 per cent, which is not typical," said Angela Brown, Moneris' chief executive.

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TD Toronto Jazz Festival lineup announced

Summertime gladness. Fest runs from June 19 to 28

This year's TD Toronto Jazz Festival continues to broaden the genre, featuring several headliners better known for R&B, rock and even opera.

The 10-day festival will showcase jazz stalwarts such as keyboard player Keith Jarrett, singer Dianne Reeves and trumpeter Roy Hargrove as well as performers who have influenced musicians in many genres, artistic director Josh Grossman said Wednesday.

Grossman cites the example of 61-year-old singer-songwriter Chaka Khan, who has performed R&B, jazz, funk, soul, disco, adult contemporary and gospel over her career.

"She wasn't going to be confined to one genre," he says.

"A lot of different types of artists point to her and say, 'Yes,



Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Earth, Wind and Fire will be in Toronto for the jazz festival in June. BRYAN BEDDER/GETTY IMAGES

I was influenced by her.' It confers on her lasting appeal."

She opens the festival on June 19 with a performance

at the Sony Centre, one of 12 venues for the fest. Similarly, Earth, Wind and Fire "had a huge influence on jazz and

Quoted

"It is a great example of melding great vocals with electronic and acoustic music. They have this huge, big, fantastic sound."

Josh Grossman, the festival's artistic director, on Earth, Wind and Fire

funk," says Grossman. The band will play the Sony Centre June 24.

Up-and-coming stars such as singer Gregory Porter, who "represents the next generation of jazz vocalist," and New York jazz/funk group Snarky Puppy are showcased as well.

While soprano Measha Brueggergosman is well known as an operatic singer, she is presenting an evening of jazz standards at Koerner Hall on June 26. Go to torontojazz.com for more information.

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Paramedics treat drunk teen at Harper residence: Reports

'Not a police matter'

Ambulance sent to 24 Sussex Drive on night PM's son was believed to be celebrating 18th birthday

The RCMP is confirming that paramedics were called to Prime Minister Stephen Harper's residence early Sunday morning amid media reports that an 18-year-old woman was severely intoxicated.

In a statement, RCMP spokesperson Cpl. Lucy Shorey said an ambulance responded to 24 Sussex Drive. She did not describe the nature of the call, but said it did not involve Harper or his family.

"This was a medical call and not a police matter. It



Prime Minister Stephen Harper addresses media outside 24 Sussex Drive in Ottawa in 2007. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

did not involve any of our protectees," Shorey said in a statement.

A Quebec radio station reported that the emergency call involved an intoxicated

18-year-old woman, who was taken to hospital. J.P. Trottier, a spokes-

person for the Ottawa Paramedic Service, confirmed that paramedics took a patient to hospital, but said he could not provide details about the gender, age or condition because of patient confidentiality.

"Because of the potential identification of the patient, we can't talk about it," he said in an interview.

It's believed that Harper's son Ben celebrated his 18th birthday on Saturday. Harper and wife Laureen also have a daughter, Rachel, who is three years younger.

Jason MacDonald, Harper's director of communications, declined to comment on the report and would not say whether Harper or his wife were home at the time of the incident.

The legal drinking age in Ontario is 19.

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Winnipeg

Cops recommend charges in peewee hockey brawl

Criminal charges have been recommended following a peewee hockey brawl in Winnipeg, where an on-ice scuffle took place during a February game between teams from Sagkeeng First Nation and Brokenhead Ojibway Nation. A melee ensued between referees, players and adults.

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TSA

Woman offered \$75,000 in airport breast-milk fracas

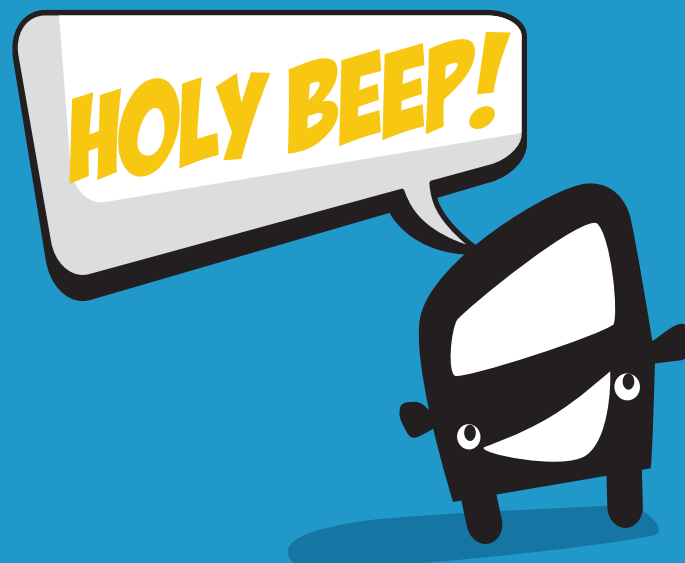
A California woman held at a Phoenix airport four years ago after refusing to have her breast milk X-rayed has reached a settlement with the U.S. Transportation Security Administration.

Stacey Armato said Wednesday that TSA officials have offered her \$75,000.

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NYPD's Twitter PR move prompts brutal backlash

#myNYPD. Police dept. invites people to post photos with local cops, but tactic backfires as images of violence flood hashtag

The largest police department in the U.S. learned the hard way that there are legions online devoted to short-circuiting public relations campaigns — in this case, the NYPD's Twitter invitation to people to post feel-good photos of themselves posing with New York's Finest.

What #myNYPD got instead was a montage of hundreds of news images of baton-wielding cops arresting protesters, pulling suspects by the hair, unleashing pepper spray and taking down a bloodied 84-year-old man for jaywalking.

It was a mistake of epic proportions, with the hashtag among the most-trafficked in the world Tuesday, creating a



This photo of a police lieutenant swinging his baton at protesters in 2012 is among many put on Twitter in response to an NYPD request for users to share pictures of themselves posing with police officers. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

public relations nightmare for a new NYPD leadership intent on creating a more community friendly force.

The #myNYPD misfire comes at a time when new Police Commissioner William Bratton is trying to re-brand the department to counter criti-

cism that it has been trampling on people's civil rights. Last week, it disbanded an intelligence unit that spied on Muslim neighbourhoods, and it has promised reforms to the crime-fighting tactic known as stop and frisk.

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Asia. Obama tells Japan he'll deliver on pledges as Ukraine vies for attention

U.S. President Barack Obama is seeking to reassure Japanese leaders Thursday that he can deliver on his security and economic pledges to Asia even as the crisis in Ukraine demands U.S. attention and resources elsewhere.

The ominous standoff between Ukraine and Russia is threatening to overshadow Obama's four-country Asia swing that began Wednesday. He may decide during the trip whether to levy new economic sanctions on Moscow, a step that would signal the failure of an international agreement aimed at defusing the crisis.

But at least publicly, Obama will try to keep the focus on his Asia agenda, which includes reaffirming his commitment to a defence treaty with Japan, making progress on a stalled trans-Pacific trade agreement and finalizing a deal to modestly increase the American military footprint in the Philippines.

Obama steered clear of more sensitive topics like the trade and China tensions as he

Raw story

Obama opened the first state visit by an American president to Japan in nearly 20 years on Wednesday night, when he and Abe had dinner at Tokyo's famed sushi restaurant Sukiyabashi Jiro. Abe said Obama praised the meal as "the best sushi he had had in his life."

and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe sat down for a morning meeting at Tokyo's Akasaka Palace. Instead, Obama spoke of a U.S.-Japanese bond that transcends its military alliance.

"My visit here I think once again represents my deep belief that a strong U.S.-Japan relationship is not only good for our countries, but the world," Obama said.

Abe, through a translator, said he and Obama would be discussing the future of the "indispensable and irreplaceable" alliance. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Survey

I do ... not believe I can afford to pay for this wedding

Canadians planning to tie the knot expect to spend an average of \$15,000 on their big day, but many don't think they'll be able to foot the entire bill, according to a new study.

The BMO Investor-Line survey of 500 adults revealed that nearly 40 per cent of respondents believe their ideal wedding is out of reach. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Maine

Keep your eyes on your fries — they're on fire!

Bring on the ketchup: A tractor-trailer carrying 40,000 pounds of french fries caught fire in a Walmart parking lot in the Maine city of Waterville.

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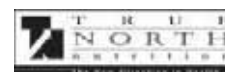
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Athlete speaks out about friend's suicide

Allegations. Friend of woman who ended her life while on a swimming scholarship in Missouri discusses sexual assault and college athletic culture



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Rolandis Woodland was a wide receiver at the University of Missouri when his close friend, Canadian swimmer Sasha Menu Courey, was allegedly raped by one or more football players and later took her own life.

Reached by phone in Missouri last week, after an independent investigation into his school's handling of Menu Courey's case, Woodland had some insights on why there are so many headlines about college athletes accused of sexual assaults.

"With some athletic programs, sometime you're taught to just like, if there's a problem, you need anything you go to the coach. You don't go to the police or anything, you go to the coach," said Woodland, a recent grad.

Part of the problem, he said, is putting athletes on a pedestal.

"When you go around ... thinking you can do no wrong — if there's trouble your coach is going to get you out of it, nobody can touch you — then you're going to feel like you can do whatever you want," he said.

Menu Courey, from Toronto, went to the University of Missouri on a swimming scholarship in 2009. She struggled with borderline personality disorder and ended her life in June 2011.

Menu Courey left a diary and records of an online chat with a rape crisis counsellor that recounted what happened in February of her freshman year. She had gone home from a bar with



Rolandis Woodland, seen playing for the Missouri Tigers in 2010, spoke about university athletic culture in response to the alleged rape and suicide of his friend Sasha Menu Courey, seen in inset. GETTY IMAGES FILE; INSET: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

a football player and had consensual sex. Afterwards, other players came into the room and one or more raped her as she tried to call for help.

This month, after an independent investigation into the university's handling of the allegations, offi-

cials vowed to change how the institution responds, making sure employees know their obligation to report sexual assaults to law enforcement. The investigation couldn't determine if any non-medical personnel knew of the sexual assault and failed to report it before

she died. However, it said school officials who learned about the sexual assault in a 2012 newspaper report had an obligation to report it to police, but did not.

The Columbia, Mo., police department began their investigation in January, almost four years after the in-

cident. There have been no arrests. A spokesperson told Metro there are no updates.

For Woodland and Menu Courey's parents, who live in Toronto, the handling of the sexual assault case was only half of the story. They have concerns about how the school supported her mental health needs. "She was always honest, she told them she had the problems — she had mental problems and she had suicidal thoughts and they were just like, oh, red flag, I think we don't really need her anymore," said Woodland. Menu Courey's parents, Lynn Courey and Mike Menu, now run an organization, Sashbear, that promotes awareness of mental health issues.

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For information about Sashbear and the second annual Borderline Walk for The Sashbear Foundation, go to sashbear.org.

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Dutchman could be extradited before trial

Amanda Todd case.

Dutch prosecutors suggest trial plans for B.C. teen's alleged tormentor could change if extradition request received

A Dutch man accused of surreptitiously capturing webcam footage of British Columbia teen Amanda Todd, as well as dozens of other victims around the world, won't necessarily have to wait until after his trial in his home country before facing possible extradition to Canada, Holland's prosecution service says.

Aydin Coban, 35, is in a Dutch jail accused of using the Internet to target teen girls and adult men in several countries, including Canada. He was arrested in January in Oisterwijk, located in southern Holland.

Coban was charged last

week in B.C. in connection with Todd, a 15-year-old girl from Port Coquitlam who took her own life after she was sexually exploited online.

He is accused of extortion, Internet luring, criminal harassment and two counts relating to child pornography in the Todd case.

The province's criminal-justice branch plans to ask the federal government to request extradition, though the Crown has cautioned such a process would likely have to wait until Coban's trial is finished in Holland.

But Paul van der Zanden, a spokesman for the Dutch public prosecution service, said Dutch authorities won't necessarily insist on putting Coban on trial in their country first.

Van der Zanden said police have identified other potential victims in Canada as well. He couldn't provide an exact number but said there were fewer than 10.

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Rite of passage

A Buddhist monk shaves the head of a boy in this photo taken April 8 during an ordaining ceremony at a Buddhist monastery in the suburbs of Yangon, Myanmar. Though most boys only remain monks for a few days, ordination is seen as a rite of passage in this predominantly Buddhist nation of 60 million. GEMUNU AMARASINGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rebels claim Syrian forces used chlorine gas



In this photo, children are seen receiving oxygen in Kfar Zeita, a rebel-held village in Hama province north of Damascus. SHAAH NEWS NETWORK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Proof? Activists have posted videos online depicting pale-faced people coughing and gasping for breath

Syrian government forces have attacked rebel-held areas with poisonous chlorine gas in recent weeks and months, leaving men, women and children coughing, choking and gasping for breath, according to Associated Press interviews with more than a dozen activists, medics and residents on the opposition side.

Syria flatly denied the allegations, which have not been confirmed by any foreign country or international organization.

Witnesses near Damascus and in a central rebel-held village told the Associated Press of dozens of cases of choking, fainting and other afflictions from inhaling fumes that some said were yellowish and smelled like chlorine cleanser. Some of those interviewed said they believe the gas was responsible for at least two deaths.

They said the fumes came from hand grenades and helicopter-dropped "barrel bombs," which are crude containers packed with explosives and shrapnel.

Activists have posted videos similar, though on a far smaller scale, to those from last August's chemical weapons attack near Damascus that killed

hundreds of people and nearly triggered U.S. airstrikes against Syria. The new footage depicts pale-faced men, women and children coughing and gasping at field hospitals.

It's an accusation that carries high stakes, and the Syrian opposition has an interest in pushing such claims in hopes of spurring the world to take stern action against Assad, who faces a Sunday deadline for handing over all his chemical weapons for destruction.

Chlorine has a multitude of ordinary civilian uses, including laundry bleach and swimming-pool disinfectant. But in high concentrations, it can attack the lungs and asphyxiate victims.

Syria's use of chlorine-filled bombs, if confirmed, would be a violation of the chemical weapons treaty that Assad's government signed last year as part of a deal to hand over its stockpile.

On Wednesday, Syria's UN Ambassador Bashar Ja'afari said his government categorically denied the use of chlorine gas. Ja'afari further disputed that chlorine gas could be categorized as a chemical weapon, saying "it is a mundane substance used for bleaching clothes in the laundry or disinfecting swimming pools."

On Sunday, French President Francois Hollande told Europe 1 radio station there were "elements" suggesting recent use of chemical weapons, but no proof.

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Ukraine

Canada deploying 500 personnel to monitor elections

Canada is sending a message to Russia by deploying up to 500 people to monitor Ukraine's presidential election next month, a cabinet minister said.

Employment Minister Jason Kenney said the observers are part of Canada's

answer to Moscow's provocations.

Kenney said he's not worried about the Canadian presence antagonizing the Kremlin. "I hope that Moscow notices. We are doing this in part to send a message as with everything else we're doing in Ukraine," he said.

Kenney said one way Canada is showing its disagreement with Russia is to strongly support "free and fair" presidential elections in Ukraine. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Flight 370

Material washed along shore may be linked to lost plane

Authorities say unidentified material that washed ashore in southwestern Australia is being examined for any link to the lost Malaysian plane.

The search co-ordination centre said Wednesday evening that police secured the material that washed ashore

10 kilometres east of Augusta in Western Australia.

Its statement did not describe the material found.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau is examining photographs to assess whether further investigation is needed and if the material is relevant to Flight MH370.

Augusta is near Australia's southwestern tip, 310 kilometres from Perth, where the search has been headquartered. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Justin Bieber. Pop star draws heavy criticism from Chinese officials

Justin Bieber apologized Wednesday to those he offended by visiting the Yasukuni Shrine, a Japanese war shrine, saying he thought it was a beautiful site and "only a place of prayer."

China and South Korea see Yasukuni as a symbol of Japan's past militarism.

Images posted on Bieber's

Instagram account were met with outrage from Chinese officials and commenters.

"I hope this Canadian singer ... can have some knowledge of the Japanese militaristic history of external aggression," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang.

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'Bionic eye'

Man regains some sight with tech eye

A degenerative eye disease slowly robbed Roger Pontz of his vision. Diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa as a teenager, Pontz has been almost completely blind for years.

Now, thanks to a procedure that involved the surgical implantation of a "bionic eye," he's regained

enough of his eyesight to catch small glimpses of his wife, grandson and cat.

"It's awesome. It's exciting — seeing something new every day," Pontz said.

The 55-year-old former competitive weightlifter and factory worker is one of four people in the U.S. to receive an artificial retina since the Food and Drug Administration signed off on its use last year.

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Searchers and divers look for people believed to have been trapped in the sunken ferry

Recovery face more

Sewol. The South Korean government faces the sensitive decision of when to begin salvaging the submerged vessel

daughter is among the missing.

"We don't want the bodies to decay further, so we want them to pull out the bodies as quickly as they can," Pyun said on Jindo island, where recovered bodies are taken for families to identify.

Koh Myung-seok, spokesman for the government-wide emergency task force, said the work is becoming more difficult, and divers must now break through cabin walls.

"The lounge is one big open space, so once in it we got our search done straight away. But in the case of the cabins, we will have to break down the walls in between because they are all compartments," he said.

The government has not said when it intends to begin the salvage effort, though it has said it will be considerate of families of the missing.

"Even if there is only one survivor," Koh said, "our government will do its best to rescue that person, and then we will salvage the ferry."

For some relatives of the missing, speed in recovering the dead is becoming more important than shrinking hopes that their loved ones might still be alive.

As the 156th body was pulled from waters where the ferry Sewol sank a week ago, relatives of the nearly 150 still missing pressed the government Wednesday to finish the grim task of recovery soon. But the work was reaching a new, more complicated phase, with an official saying divers must now rip through cabin walls to retrieve more victims.

Looming in the background is a sensitive issue: When to bring in the cranes and begin the salvage effort by cutting up and raising the submerged vessel. The government has warned that the work might eliminate air pockets that could be sustaining survivors, but for some relatives that is a long-lost hope.

"Now we think we have to deal with this realistically," said Pyun Yong-gi, whose 17-year-old

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Kidnappers to face charges

As the kidnappers pulled into an upscale golf course community, they thought they were about to abduct an assistant district attorney who sent a high-ranking gang member to prison for life, authorities said.

But they had the wrong address and when the prosecutor's father answered the door, they took him instead.

For five days, authorities said the kidnappers held Frank

Janssen, 63, captive in an Atlanta apartment, tormenting his family by sending text messages threatening to cut him into pieces if police were called or their demands weren't met.

On Tuesday, an indictment charged nine people in Janssen's abduction, including 49-year-old Bloods gang member Kelvin Melton, who authorities said was calling the shots from his prison cell in North

Carolina.

Janssen's daughter, Wake Forest assistant district attorney Colleen Janssen, prosecuted Melton in 2012 for his role in a shooting.

Court records show Melton has a long record of felony convictions in New York. He pleaded guilty to manslaughter and robbery in 1998 and served more than 13 years in New York prisons before being released

in August 2011. His conviction in North Carolina sent him to prison for life.

In late March or early April, Melton told a team to "kidnap the ADA," who was identified in the indictment as a "Wake County Assistant District Attorney."

Melton and other defendants face a federal conspiracy charge related to the abduction.

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efforts problems

"I've seen the bodies and they are starting to smell. It inflicts a new wound for the parents to see the bodies decomposed," Pyun said.

He and other relatives have set a deadline of Thursday for the government to recover all the bodies, though he concedes they have no way to enforce it.

The victims of the April 16 disaster are overwhelmingly students of a single high school in Ansan, near Seoul. Twenty-two of the 29 members of the ferry's crew survived, and 11, including Capt. Lee Joon-seok, have been arrested or detained in connection with the investigation. Two of the crew were arrested Wednesday, senior prosecutor Ahn Sang-don said.

Ahn said an analysis of photos and video on the ship before its sinking showed the captain and other arrested crew members didn't rescue passengers, though it was their duty.

The captain initially told passengers to stay in their cabins, and waited about half an hour to issue an evacuation order. He has said he waited because the current was strong, the water was cold and passengers could have drifted away. But maritime experts said he could have

ordered passengers to the deck — where they would have had a greater chance of survival — without telling them to abandon ship.

It was not the crew but a passenger who first alerted authorities that the boat was in distress, the coast guard confirmed Wednesday.

An emergency call was made 8:52 a.m. last Wednesday to the Jeonnam 119 fire department, which transferred the call to the Mokpo coast guard office, the coast guard said in an emailed statement.

The cause of the disaster is not yet known. Ahn said investigators are considering factors including wind, ocean currents, and the fact that it turned just before it began listing.

Professor Kim Woo-Sook of Mokpo National Maritime University said he spoke to Park Han-gyeol, a former student, at Mokpo detention facility. He says she told him she ordered a helmsman to make just a 5-degree turn, but the steering gear turned too far and the helmsman could not turn it back.

Kim said he suspects a problem with the steering gear caused the sinking.

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Cookapp. Serving up a new take on the old chef- diner relationship recipe

If the latest development in culinary social media catches on, the trendiest restaurants may no longer be restaurants.

A growing number of apps and websites are taking the traditional chef-diner relationship out of established eateries and into private homes. Cookapp, for example, is just the latest to launch in the U.S., connecting adventurous diners with independent chefs — and even just ambitious amateur cooks — willing to host dinners at their homes and

other offbeat locations.

Like its peers EatWith and Feastly, Cookapp is taking a bite from the edible side of the “shared economy,” where so-called peer-to-peer businesses are disrupting established industries and giving headaches to municipal regulators and tax collectors. Other non-food apps in this realm include Uber and Lyft, which match private drivers with people needing rides, and VRBO and Airbnb, which help people turn their homes into vacation rentals.

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E-commerce

Home Hardware stores to get FedEx mini-hubs

As more Canadians turn to online shopping, courier operator FedEx hopes an agreement to open shipping centres at Home Hardware Stores Ltd. will help it grab a larger piece of the growing e-commerce market.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lac-Mégantic tragedy

Canada to phase out old rail tankers by 2017

Canada will require a three-year phase-out or retrofit of the type of rail tankers involved in last summer's massive explosion of an oil train that incinerated much of a Quebec town and killed 47 people, Canada's transport minister announced Wednesday.

Last July, a runaway oil train derailed in Lac-Mégantic, Que. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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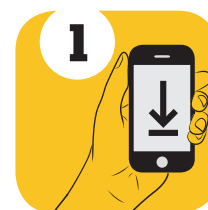
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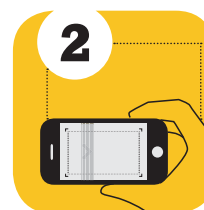
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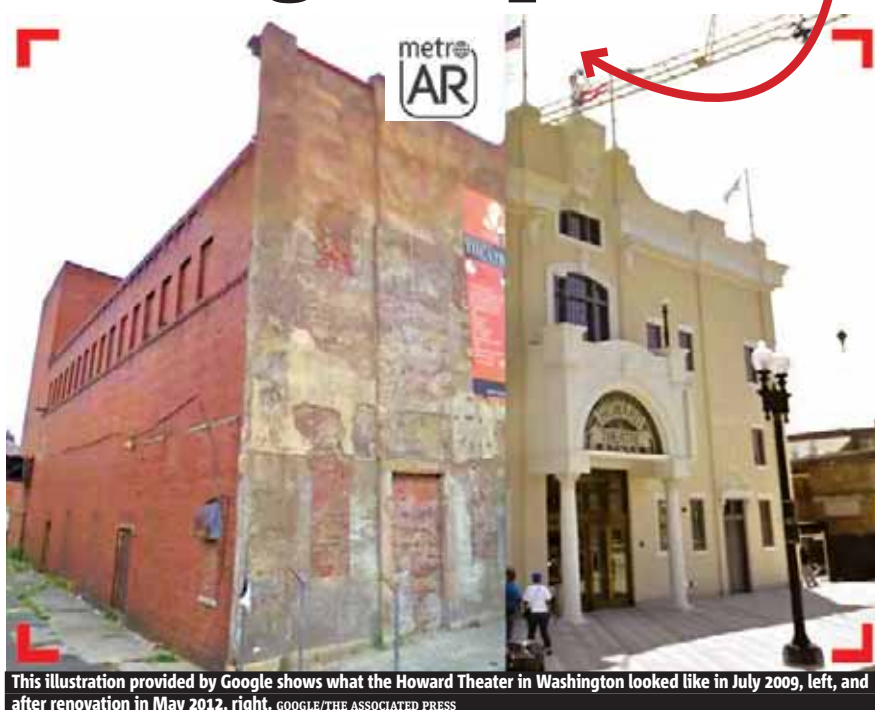
Google Street View revives the past alongside present

Maps. See what your neighbourhood used to look like, before all the condo developments

Trips down memory lane are now available on Google's digital maps.

The new twist on time travel debuted Wednesday as part of the Street View feature in Google's maps, a navigational tool that attracts more than one billion visitors each month. Street View snapshots will now include an option to see what neighbourhoods and landmarks looked like at different periods in the last seven years, as Google Inc. has been dispatching camera-toting cars to take street-level pictures for its maps.

Even though the photos only date back to 2007, some of them illustrate dramatic changes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



This illustration provided by Google shows what the Howard Theater in Washington looked like in July 2009, left, and after renovation in May 2012, right. **GOOGLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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WE'RE ANGRY TAXPAYERS, SORT OF

If I didn't know any better, I'd say The Angry Taxpayer is a myth.

Indirect evidence tells me they exist. They are the power source for AM radio, the fertile soil of Ford Nation, the engine that keeps the Internet's comments sections humming.

But if I've met more than one or two Angry Taxpayers during my entire life then they've hid it well.

There's that one guy who holds court in every greasy spoon I've ever eaten in, but I think he might be the same guy doing a nationwide tour.

It's called "I'll Tell Ya One Thing" and it owes some of its sense of variation to Nickelback. I'm not suggesting there's a human being alive who likes paying taxes.

But people who "hate" their taxes hate them in the same way they hate doing laundry or taking off a Band-



HE SAYS

John Mazerolle

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Aid. It's a chore worthy of sighs, not an abomination worthy of a Hulk Smash.

Yet I've always accepted that the public is like the bearded guy in 300, screaming, "WE ARE TAXPAYERS!!!" before kicking a public servant into a bottomless hole representing the deficit.

Only deciding to write a column about tax time made me think about it long enough to realize that just about everybody I know would've told the guy standing near the hole that he should be careful and then lobbied their city council for a guardrail or a sign that says WARNING: HOLE.

Frankly, I've heard more outrage from friends and co-workers about disappointing

episodes of *The Walking Dead* than I have about Canadian taxes.

Even when there's a spending scandal it's mostly partisan reflex — outrage if your personal bad guys are in of-

fice, an acceptable slip-up if you think the good guys are in charge. I've given this some thought as I prepare my own taxes — glumly, not angrily.

Why do we accept our taxes more passively than the stereotypes imply? Is it because most of us have had some ailment covered by universal health care and decided that lower wages are worth the joy of knowing, for instance, that the neighbour you despise helped pay for your mole removal?

Is it that we realize even the worst scandal imaginable (e.g. a fake lake built for Rob Ford late-night parties in the middle of the Senate) only costs us about five cents a day?

Is it that we know if we actually had the money we'd waste it on lottery tickets and the new Johnny Depp film?

Or is it just that I live a blinkered existence and am oblivious to the seething rage of the Common Man?

I know it might be the last one, so I've been talking to people to get a sense of their rage.

Apparently the finale episode of *How I Met Your Mother* was really bad. Won't someone think of the children?

ZOOM

It's a scene of terror



KAREN LUNNEY/SOLENT NEWS

Wildebeest take on gruelling trek

Thrashing wildly in the water, thousands of wildebeest battle against each other to cross a powerful river. The scene of sheer panic among the animals in Kenya's Mara River — just north of the border with Tanzania — is part of the largest animal movement in the 21st century, popularly known as the Great Migration.

The herd's panic is depicted in the eyes of the wildebeest. The photographer likens the stare of this animal to Dante's *Inferno* in epic poem *The Divine Comedy*. **METRO**

Behind the lens

- **Captured by:** Karen Lunney, from Brisbane, Australia.
- **Accompanied by:** Her husband and guide, who spotted a vantage point for the sight.
- **Quoted:** "Perhaps very foolhardy, we grabbed cameras and made our way by foot through the bush to the river's edge. We watched as wildebeest reached our side of the river but struggled to find an easy way up to freedom."

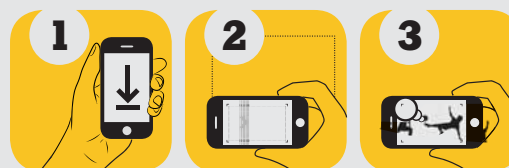
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wildebeest — accompanied by 300,000 zebra — make their long trek from Tanzania's Serengeti Plains, further north to Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve. The herds of animals make the yearly, 2,900-kilometre journey in a desperate search for food and water. Some 250,000 wildebeest perish every year while taking on the arduous African odyssey.

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Robot army amazes

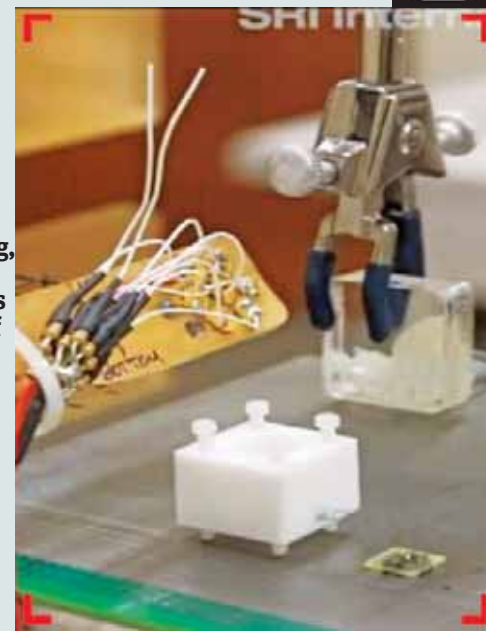


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Every now and again, a nifty technology company unveils a demo video of a robot snake or a robot cheetah or some such thing, and they're all very cool. But then the initial dazzlement fades and you're left with the vision of being chased through backyards and alleys by herds of them.

Same goes for these critters from SRI International. The near limitless possibilities of a tiny, highly co-ordinated workforce capable of small scale manufacture is amazing. But then comes the realization that this is more or less a robot ant army. What could go wrong?

(Via SRI International on YouTube)



SCREENGRAB

Taking toys and turning them into wonderful works of art

This is Not a Toy.

New exhibit reimagines childhood whimsy as pieces of tasteful design



BACKSTAGE PASS
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Can an object be both a product and a piece of art?

That's one of the questions raised by the *This is Not a Toy* exhibit currently showing at the Design Exchange. The show, the first of its kind in North America, spotlights designer toys — original characters created by artists and graphic designers rendered as limited edition figures.

The appeal is accessibility, says John Wee Tom, co-curator of the exhibit.

"You don't really need a background in art or design to appreciate it."

Designers pull from a compendium of influences — pop culture, hip-hop, skateboarding, graffiti art — making designer toys far more relatable than your typical art piece.

"It's very visceral."

Often made out of plastic or vinyl, designer toys occupy a unique space in the art world. Coveted by collectors, their limited runs and multiple designs encourage companies like Kidrobot and Toy2R to continuously feed a market that seemingly has no end to its appetite. Some items cost as little as a few bucks. Yet the mash-up of influences, the short production runs and the wildly



This is Not a Toy spotlights designer toys rendered as limited edition figures. CONTRIBUTED

Toys as a gateway to art

- Designer toys often act as a gateway into the larger art world, says Wee Tom. Musician and producer Pharrell Williams, who co-curated *This is Not a Toy*, became an avid collector after seeing A Bathing Ape clothing company founder Nigo's own collection. Inspired by the collaborations between designer toy companies and visual artists, Pharrell began his own artistic collaborations, including ventures with Louis Vuitton and sculptor Takashi Murakami. "For people who've never been in a museum, because they find these pieces intriguing, it's not a stretch to see them get into the larger art world."

unique designs push values into the tens of thousands of dollar range.

Wee Tom first encoun-

tered designer toys in the early 2000s at the Magic Pony on Queen West. He was particularly taken by a piece by Bill

Quoted

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Exhibit co-curator John Wee Tom

McMullen that transformed a Star Wars AT-AT (the giant four-legged vehicles from the *Empire Strikes Back*) into a walking Adidas shell-toe sneaker. A one-off reproduction is included in the show.

"He slapped together two of his favourite things to create his own mash-up figure,"

says Wee Tom.

"That says it all as far as the genre is concerned."

But is it art?

"It's elitist art insiders that are trying to make those distinctions," he says.

Collectors and designer couldn't care less and they'll continue to create and consume regardless of definitions.

This is Not a Toy is on until May 19 at the Design Exchange, 234 Bay Street. Curators' Tour, April 28 at 6:30 p.m.; *This is Not a Work Party*, May 14 at 6 p.m. See dx.org for details.

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Amazon Prime deal with HBO offers up *The Wire*, *Sopranos*

Online content.

Team-up will make many classic series available to members of streaming service

Fans of classic HBO shows like *The Sopranos* and *The Wire* will soon have access to those series and more through Amazon Prime in the first online streaming deal signed by the cable network.

Starting on May 21, Amazon Prime members — who pay \$99 US a year for streaming entertainment, two-day shipping and other perks — will also have access to *Six Feet Under*, *Big Love*, as well as early seasons of *Boardwalk Empire* and *True Blood*. Past seasons of newer shows such as *Girls*, *The Newsroom* and *Veep* will also become available throughout the multi-year deal, about three years after airing on HBO.

Original movies including *Too Big to Fail* and *Game Change* will also become available, as will original comedy specials from Lewis Black, Louis C.K., and Bill Maher.

There was no mention of *Game of Thrones*, one of the most pirated shows in history.

The exclusive HBO deal is a big win for Amazon, which is competing with Netflix and



Edie Falco and James Gandolfini appear in one of the last episodes of the hit HBO dramatic series *The Sopranos*, one of several shows that will be available through Amazon Prime. CRAIG BLANKENHORN/HBO

Hulu for streaming viewers as more people cut the cord on cable services. Time Warner, which owns HBO, has long seen Netflix as a threat to HBO and has steadfastly refused to license even its old shows to the company for streaming.

Netflix announced its first price hike in three years this week to help pay for more original programming, such as *House of Cards*. Shares of Netflix dropped nearly four per cent Wednesday following the announcement.

Amazon and HBO did not disclose the financial terms of the deal, nor its duration.

HBO Go, the network's streaming service that's currently only available to subscribers, will also be offered on Amazon's new streaming device, Fire TV, likely by the end of the year. The \$99 device streams online video, music and other content to televisions, competing with the likes of Apple Inc. and Roku.

The deal "positions Prime Instant Video as a viable com-

petitor and potentially more appealing alternative to Netflix," said Wedbush analyst Michael Pachter. "Through the HBO deal, in addition to its own original content, Amazon has the potential to offer close to 70 different series that we believe HBO owns outright, with multiple seasons available for the more successful shows. In comparison, we believe that Netflix's original series figure is closer to 10, with up to only two seasons available."

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Hello crappy. Critics get catty about Avril's new vid

After being posted to YouTube Tuesday, Avril Lavigne's brightly coloured music video for the song *Hello Kitty* was broadly criticized as insipid and, in some cases, offensive. The video was briefly taken down amid the controversy, though it later resurfaced.

The video, still viewable on Lavigne's website as of Wednesday afternoon, features the Canuck pop-punk princess prancing about in front of four grinning Asian dancers and squawking lyrics including: "Let's all slumber party/Like a fat kid on a pack of Smarties."

The Japan-shot video also finds the 29-year-old singing in a bedroom, a candy store and a sushi restaurant.

The song was perhaps meant as tribute to Japan, which remains one of Lavigne's strongest territories as her sales lag elsewhere.



Avril Lavigne's new video for the song *Hello Kitty*. YOUTUBE

But the press has roundly condemned the video.

Billboard called the clip an "embarrassment in any language" and mused on how the *Hello Kitty* video wound up "even more abhorrent than the song." THE CANADIAN PRESS

HBO

Veep, Silicon Valley renewed for another season

Julia Louis-Dreyfus will return to the small screen as the U.S. vice president Selina Meyer for another season.

HBO announced that its political comedy will return in spring 2015 for its fourth season. The premium cable network also said it has renewed *Silicon Valley*, its freshman comedy on the tech world created by Mike Judge.

The network opted to renew *Veep* in spite of its flagging ratings. Since its return to the air on April 6, the show has drawn less than a million viewers each week. Nonetheless, the comedy is a hit with critics, as indicated by its frequent award nominations.

AFP

Crossbones



John Malkovich in *Crossbones*. NBC

John Malkovich to star as Blackbeard on new NBC show

NBC has released the trailer for *Crossbones*, the new drama that will take viewers back to the 18th century Bahamas, a hotbed of pirate activity.

Slated to premiere Friday, May 30, *Crossbones* will focus on Captain Edward Teach — better known as Blackbeard, the leader of a ragtag band of pirates, thieves and other outlaws — who is played by John Malkovich. AFP

Blame Frankenstein, not the monster

Super Duper Alice Cooper. Doc shows how singer had to admit he was the addict — not his sinister alter ego



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Alice Cooper's theatrical brand of rock 'n' roll has been horrifying audiences for five decades.

Onstage, the kohl-eyed singer of School's Out and No More Mister Nice Guy is the stuff of nightmares.

His grotesque Grand-Guignol reputation was cemented when he was accused of biting the head off a chicken and drinking its blood during the Toronto Rock 'n' Roll Revival concert in September 1969.

A new movie, Super Duper Alice Cooper, details how Vincent Furnier, a preacher's son from Arizona, morphed into a



Super Duper Alice Cooper documents how a preacher's son named Vincent Furnier became a rock star named after a 17th century witch. CONTRIBUTED

baby-doll-butcherer rock star who found fame under the name of a 17th century witch.

It also unveils the truth about the "poultry incident."

According to the film, it was during the climax of

Cooper's wild set that a chicken somehow made its way onstage and Alice — thinking the bird could fly, threw it into the air — expecting it to soar into the sky.

Instead it dropped like a

stone into the audience who promptly tore it apart. The next day newspapers reported a sensational version of the story, one that painted Cooper as a chicken-killing degenerate, giving the band their best pub-

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"I didn't realize that Alice was not the problem. It was Dr. Frankenstein that was the problem, not the monster."

Alice Cooper on coming to the realization that his villainous Alice Cooper character didn't have to exist anywhere else except on stage

licity to date and Alice an idea.

"That was the moment I realized the audience really needed a villain," says Cooper.

"They wanted so much for Alice to be the guy who killed that chicken. Nobody else in rock 'n' roll would have done that except this really creepy guy up there. It clicked in my head that I needed to make this Alice character a definitive Moriarty. When that happened, I saw what the audience wanted.

"I knew I could develop this guy into something that is really going to be fun to play."

For the next 15 years he

played Alice to the hilt, on stage and off. It wasn't until a stint in rehab made him reassess his priorities and understand that Alice the character didn't need to exist anywhere except on stage.

"If that grey area would have cleared up and I could have put Alice in his proper place," he says, "it would have been a lot easier.

"But like anything else, when you're a creative character, you always take the hard road. I didn't realize that Alice was not the problem. It was Dr. Frankenstein that was the problem, not the monster. Alice never drank on stage.

"Alice never did drugs on stage. It was the creator of the monster that had the big problem."

These days, at age 66, Cooper is still going strong. He remains a wild man on stage with a new tour and album in the works.

"I still love the fact that people expect a show," he says, "and they get more than there were expecting every time."

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well organized and really inspiring. Being a part of this means being around creative people and innovative ideas. Volunteering for this event is also a way to give back to the city.

What are you most excited about at this year's Festival?
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Growing up surrounded by Western images of attractiveness made it difficult to see herself as beautiful, she says. "Light skin and long, flowing, straight hair," she told People. "Subconsciously you start to appreciate those things more than what you possess."

Nyong'o, who was born in

Mexico and grew up in Kenya, experimented extensively with her look as a teen, even shaving her head at one point. But now she craves simplicity: "I have been called beautiful with not one drop of makeup on," she says. "And also before I comb my hair or put on a pretty dress. Happiness is the most important thing."

This is the third time that People has named a black woman its Most Beautiful since beginning the tradition. Previous honorees include Halle Berry in 2003 and Beyoncé in 2012.

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Maybe Laura and Tom would date... if they ever met...

MELINDA TAUB

Metro World News in New York

Laura Prepon is laughing off rumours that she's dating fellow Scientologist Tom Cruise. "I'm flattered because I think he's hot, so I'm like, 'Oh, that's nice.' And apparently he's very gentlemanly with me," the Orange is the New Black star joked with the Daily Beast during an interview.

"Apparently we get along great and he knows

that I have a favourite bottle of wine that I didn't even know I had." Prepon expressed her further disappointment with the tabloid reports during an interview with SheKnows.com, calling the story "false" for the record. "Where are they getting this stuff? It's unbelievable to me," she said.

"Apparently, I'm dating Tom Cruise right now and apparently, he doesn't want me doing (Orange is the New Black) because I portray a lesbian and I'm a Scientologist."

And how does she know for sure that she's not dating Cruise? Because Prepon has never formally met him, which is a tough obstacle to overcome in a relationship.

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Lindsay Lohan

Lohan reveals miscarriage, ex-beaus deny culpability

Lindsay Lohan dropped a bombshell during the finale of her Oprah Winfrey-produced reality show, claiming she'd had a miscarriage while filming the series — and now her ex-boyfriends are scrambling to clear their names, according to Radar Online. Sources close to Matt Nordgren, the reality star was

blindsided by the news. "Lindsay never mentioned anything about it to him," a source close to Nordgren says. "He was shocked to hear about it." And 18-year-old Ralph Lauren model Morgan O'Connor, who had a dalliance with Lohan last fall and made a brief appearance on her reality series, is making it clear to friends he had nothing to do with the shocking news. "Morgan always said Lindsay was crazy and he was afraid she would do something really stupid to get him in trouble," a source says.

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Drop the sweats and suit up

A regal revolution. The Brooklyn Circus founder explains why he's 'shifting and changing' attitudes toward the American uniform

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News

Ouigi Theodore, the founder of fashion label The Brooklyn Circus, is a man on a mission. What started as a manifesto to get Americans out of saggy jeans and sneakers has gone from the streets of Brooklyn to the style capitals of the world. It's as much to do with the charisma of the dapper dresser known as 'the Bearded Man' as the effect of global tastemaking via social media. The 38-year-old refers to the phenomenon as the 'global village'. It's an idea that's at the heart of label BKc — the modern incarnation of traditional craftsmanship and old-time dressing — that's woven from the melting pot of U.S. history and culture. He sits down to talk me through his 100-year grand plan and the true meaning of hipsterdom.

You're a dapper chap, so how long does it take you to get ready in the morning?

I'm a uniform guy, so it doesn't take me as long as you want to think. Oddly enough, I would literally wear the same rig for weeks on end — I just adjust with a cardigan or throw in a pop or change the hat.

The beard has been having a moment among hipsters



Ouigi Theodore is teaching a generation of gentlemen how to take a little more pride in their appearance. OSUKE / METRO

From the Caribbean with care

"We came into America with a certain level of discipline and it was a discipline of self-awareness and presentation and so I kind of married that to my experience."

for a few seasons now and you've been sporting yours for years. How do you define the term 'hipster'?

I recently found out that hipster was a term that was used to describe white men during the jazz era who

were trying to be black guys and cool jazz cats.

That's a new one on me. Speaking of style cultures, why do you want to change the American dress code?
American culture has been



Brooklyn Circus's garments offer classic esthetics and antique motifs while upholding the pillars of modern design. TOM VAN SCHELVEN / METRO

identified as this super and ultra casual culture. It's really about sweatpants and trainers everyday. But for me, being from Haiti and the Caribbean, there needs to be a balance. We came into America with a certain level of discipline and it was a discipline of self-awareness and presentation and so I kind of married that to my experience. I bring a balance of tailoring and casual style into American sportswear.

You've got a 100-year plan, so how far along with changing the American style culture are you?

It's changing in small pockets internationally. It's not just in the U.S., thanks to the Internet. It's incredible to see something that you think is so local being picked up globally.

Is social media helping you get the word out?

Absolutely, totally. Social media is communication. I think people look at it sometimes as entertainment, when the reality is that the communication aspect precedes entertainment. As much as people are looking to see what's going on and writing LOL on posts,

there's a lot of information being flushed through the network.

Do you find design ideas through social media?

Yeah, it's being able to travel the world everyday in small bits. I'm looking at what's happening in London and Japan and it's in real-time.

Why are the Japanese so often the first to discover new trends?

The Japanese have a special way of figuring out and hunting for what's new. It's such a competitive environment that they have to go and seek out the next thing. They love culture and anything that has a vibration or soul to it.

Do you identify with the Japanese pace of working or is it more about brand longevity for you?

Absolutely, totally. I want to be able to run into a vintage store 40, 50 years from now and see our product. It's a cycle: We buy a lot of vintage and we're inspired by it and we design off of it. We have to create something that'll become the vintage of tomorrow.

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Cool trends for warmer months

What's to come for your closet. Cultural influences colour spring-summer styles

Whether inspiration is found on a gallery wall, the playing field or in styles from past decades, an eclectic mix of cultural influences is colouring fashions for spring and summer.

Style experts weigh in on some of the key cool trends in warm weather wear.

Athleticwear

Athletic-inspired styles are evolving beyond workout wear, with even top fashion houses like Chanel and Dior incorporating active-wear into their luxury looks.

"I think the sporty trend is partly growing out of a general movement towards comfort," said Laura deCarufel, fashion features director at Elle Canada.

At a recent showcase of the Marshalls

spring and summer collection, trend expert and forecaster Carly Stojsic touted the look of "elevated active" with embellishments on sweatshirts and sweatpants and the infusion of "hyper-saturated brights and neons" in footwear and accessories.

"For somebody who wants a more comfortable piece of footwear, the fancy sneaker is something that's been blowing off of shelves everywhere," she said.

"You have that fancy sneaker that has a covered wedge and some really shiny detailed embellishments on it that are naturally not a part of performance wear."

Baseball and varsity jackets are also

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being refreshed in fancy fabrications instead of heavy, utilitarian suedes seen in

wools, and nubucks seasons past, she added.

Pretty and punk

An infusion of pale hues and vibrant shades and prints lends a novel twist to classic punk styles.

"Everything is edgy, but it's softened," said Stojsic.

Fusing influences from the '40s, '50s and '80s, some of the hallmarks of the pretty and punk look draw on items from the past with a prettier update, she noted. Stojsic said bold message T-shirts

or those showcasing blackout poetry teamed with soft-coloured biker jackets in buttery leathers and a floral printed skirt capture the essence of the tough-yet-feminine look.

Modern Boho

"There's definitely a resurgent interest in all things artisanal," said Stojsic. "And whether it's found in food or clothes or accessories, that's the importance of where and how things are being made and the quality of what we consume."

In a vignette dubbed Craftwerk, the trend expert showcased styles befitting what she described as the "modern Bohemian hipster woman" with laid-back pieces in a palette of saturated midtones and neutrals rich in cultural and ethnic influences.

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Boy meets girl

Menswear-inspired styles are seeing a resurgence for spring and summer

- "Part of what makes it new is that Hollywood has really adopted it more recently. And I think that it's the younger stars that have adopted it," said deCarufel. "We've gotten accustomed to seeing stars like Tilda Swinton and even Madonna wearing suits and they always look amazing; but when you have Emma Stone and Emma Watson who are in their early 20s and among the coolest young starlets, seeing them rocking a well-tailored suit, it does bring a freshness to it."

Stojsic pointed to jumpsuits and scarves in vibrant prints, maxi skirts and dresses, crop tops and sundresses among the items that convey the casual, comfortable yet fashionable

style statement, featuring details like lace, crochet, fringe, patchwork, woven leathers and natural fibres.

Art and Fashion

Elle Canada's DeCarufel said visual art has made an impact on the catwalk, from painterly swirls at Celine to graffiti-style art at Dior. At Chanel, designer Karl Lagerfeld had someone create original artworks to transform the Grand Palais into a gallery, while Prada also commissioned artists to create murals along the presentation space that were translated into dresses, she added.

"It's not just as if it's just Impressionism or abstract expressionism or just pop art. It's really all of the above," said deCarufel.

"I think what we'll probably see on the market — and what makes the most sense and is probably the most beautiful interpretation of the trend — would be a painterly skirt or a dress. Anything that has the big swirls on it."

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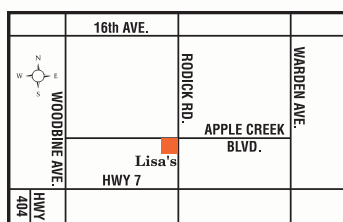


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Cookbook of the Week

Mexican flavours
in your kitchen



As the host of the PBS series *Pati's Mexican Table*, Pati Jinich proves that Mexican cooking is quicker and easier than most North Americans think.

Now she puts that concept to use in her book of the same name. Surprising in its simplicity and freshness, her recipes aren't overloaded with cheese or heavy sauces. Many specialties in the book Jinich learned from her mom and grandmother, while others are spins classics. **METRO**

What sounds Italian but rules Mexico?

Milanesa de pollo.

Believe it or not, this Italian-sounding recipe is among the country's most popular dishes

"The word Milanesa refers to beef, pork, veal, or chicken that has been pounded thin, breaded, and fried until deliciously crisp and golden brown," writes Pati Jinich in her book *Pati's Mexican Table*.

"My addition of tangy crumbled cheese gives the breading an extra layer of flavour, and the pinch of ground chile takes the Milanesas a step beyond traditional versions.

"I could eat Milanesa de pollo every day for the rest of my life. My kids feel the same way: I usually prepare a double or triple batch at a time, store them uncooked in the freezer, and pull them out as needed during the week."

1. In a large shallow bowl, whisk together the eggs and milk. Combine the corn flakes with the cheese, chile, and salt and spread on a plate.

2. Dip each chicken breast in the egg mixture, then coat it on both sides with the corn flake mixture, so the whole breast is covered. Set aside on a plate.

3. Heat 1/4 inch of oil in a 12-inch skillet over medium heat until hot but not smoking, 2 to 3 minutes. Add as many chicken breasts as will fit in a single layer, without crowding the pan. If the edges of the Milanesas aren't bubbling in the oil, raise the heat to medium-high. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes on the first side, until golden brown and crisp, then gently flip and repeat on the other side. Remove the Milanesas from the pan and set them on a paper-towel-covered plate and keep warm. Repeat with the remaining chicken pieces, add-

ing more oil if needed. (If you are not serving them immediately, place the Milanesas in a baking dish, without the paper towels, and keep warm in a 250 F oven.) Serve hot.

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Ingredients

- 2 large eggs
- 2 tbsp milk
- 1 cup Kellogg's Corn Flakes crumbs or dried bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup finely crumbled queso fresco, Cotija, ricotta salata, or mild feta
- 1/2 tsp ground dried chile, such as piquin, or a Mexican mix, such as Tajin, or to taste
- 1/4 tsp kosher or coarse sea salt, or to taste
- 6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, pounded thin
- Vegetable oil

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 1/2 cups slivered white onions
- 1 lbs poblano chiles, charred, sweated, peeled, stemmed, seeded, and sliced into 1-x-3/4-inch strips
- 1 tsp kosher or coarse sea salt, or to taste
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper, or to taste
- 1 cup crème fraîche
- 1/2 cup crumbled queso fresco, Cotija, farmer cheese, feta, or ricotta salata

occasionally, until soft, translucent, and starting to gently brown around the edges, about 15 minutes.

2. Increase the heat to medium-high and add the poblano chile strips. Sprinkle with the salt and pepper and cook for 2 to 3 minutes, until the chiles have lightly browned. Reduce the heat to medium, add the cream and cheese, and cook, tossing

gently, until the sauce thickens, 5 to 6 minutes. Serve hot.



This recipe serves six. PENNY DE LOS SANTOS

Creamy Poblano Rajas: Meat sidekick

This recipe calls for the chiles to be charred, sweated and stemmed.

To char them, Pati Jinich suggests, "Place the chiles in a dry skillet set over medium heat ... turning them every two to three minutes for six to nine minutes."

Then, to make them sweat, Jinich says, "Place the chilies in a plastic bag or bowl. Seal the bag or cover the bowl tightly with plastic wrap and allow the chiles to sweat for 10 to 20

minutes."

Lastly, you must peel and rinse the chiles by, "holding each chile under a thin stream of cold running water" and removing the charred skin with your fingers. Then make a slit down one side of the pepper and remove the cluster of seeds and veins.

1. Heat the butter in a large skillet over medium-low heat until melted and foamy. Add the onions and cook, stirring



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HEALTHY HABITS

KEEP YOUR TEETH IN GREAT SHAPE

You have mere seconds to make a first impression and a healthy smile, whiter teeth, and fresh breath are all part of making a good one.

April is Oral Health Month, which means it's a good time to think about all the habits that contribute to a winning smile. The best way to keep your teeth in great shape are: Take care of your overall health, including good oral hygiene; whiten teeth as necessary; and be conscious of keeping your breath fresh.



Dr. Travis Stork

HEALTHY TEETH

A healthy mouth is part of a healthy body, says Dr. Travis Stork, a practising board-certified emergency medicine

physician and an Emmy-nominated national television host.

When you don't take care of your teeth and gums, the results become very noticeable, very quickly — bad breath and stained teeth are hard to miss.

But poor oral hygiene can also lead to a more damaging problem — gingi-



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vitis. Over time, gingivitis, which is an inflammation of the gums, can cause gum disease and even loss of teeth.

Of course, you need healthy teeth and gums to eat and enjoy your food. Also, the condition of your teeth and gums can affect the way you feel about yourself too, Stork says.

Factors that affect the health of your teeth:

- Poor oral hygiene;
- Gingivitis;
- Unhealthy diet;
- Underlying health conditions.

HEALTHY SOLUTIONS

Good health comes with a healthy lifestyle, Stork says — stay active, eat healthy, and take care of oral health.

It's most important to reduce the

amount of sugar, specifically in your diet, which is one of the main causes of dental problems.

"Cut out as much refined sugars as possible," Stork says. "Instead, enjoy the natural sweetness of fruits."

Oral hygiene is important, too. Brush and floss your teeth and rinse every day. Stork recommends brushing with an electric toothbrush for two minutes twice a day, flossing, and rinsing with an anti-septic mouthwash.

Use Crest Pro-Health Clinical toothpaste, Stork says. It can help prevent and even reverse gingivitis and early stages of gum disease.

Be sure to see your dentist at least twice a year for routine cleaning and a checkup. See your doctor for any health problems, too.

BENEFITS OF A BRIGHT SMILE

Whitening teeth is one of the easiest and most noticeable cosmetic changes you can make today. While whiter teeth brighten your smile, the benefits go much further than that. A beautiful, whiter smile is also good for health and wellness.

For example, looking good gives your self-esteem a boost and that will affect your self-confidence and how you feel about life in general.

Someone with whiter teeth, compared to stained teeth, appears to be friendlier. When people have a bright smile, they tend to show it off more often.

There is an anti-aging effect as well — research has shown that whiter teeth are associated with beauty, health and youth.

Factors that affect the colour of teeth include:

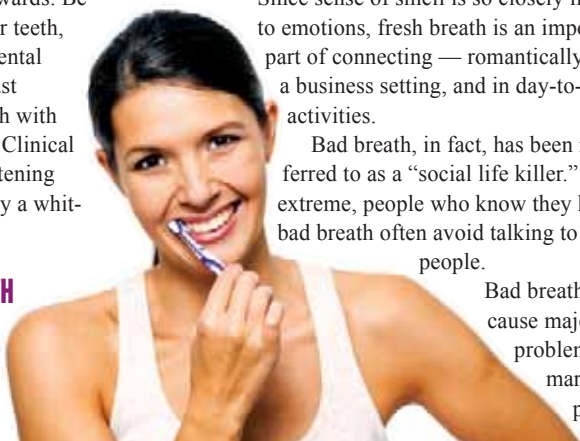
- Genetics — some people are born with teeth that are more yellow than white.
- Age — as a natural part of aging, some people's teeth discolour.
- Smoking — cigarettes leave behind yellowish nicotine stains on teeth; so smoking is just as unhealthy for teeth as it is for the body.
- Coffee, tea and red wine — drinking dark liquids can stain teeth, too.
- Medication — certain medications tend to discolour teeth.
- Oral hygiene — plaque and tartar buildup affect the colour.

SWEET SOLUTIONS FOR FRESH BREATH

For whiter teeth, quit smoking. Talk to your dentist or doctor about any concerns. If you ingest foods that may stain, rinse your mouth afterwards. Be sure to brush your teeth, floss, and use a dental mouthwash at least twice a day. Brush with Crest Pro-Health Clinical toothpaste, a whitening toothpaste, and try a whitening product.

FRESHER BREATH

Morning breath is one thing. But halitosis, or bad breath,



on a more regular basis can negatively impact your day-to-day life, and it may signal dental or other health problems. Since sense of smell is so closely linked to emotions, fresh breath is an important part of connecting — romantically, in a business setting, and in day-to-day activities.

Bad breath, in fact, has been referred to as a "social life killer." In the extreme, people who know they have bad breath often avoid talking to other people.

Bad breath can cause major problems for married people,

too. Halitosis is one of the main reasons people with partners see their dentist.

Factors that affect bad breath include:

- Poor oral hygiene;
- Strong smelling foods;
- Smoking;
- Health problems.

SWEET SOLUTIONS

Brush and floss at least twice a day to prevent odour-causing bacteria from settling in the mouth. If bad breath is caused by food choices, be sure to rinse your mouth, brush your teeth and rinse with a dental mouthwash after you eat. Talk to your dentist or doctor about your concerns. Be sure to always carry sugar-free gum or mints and mouthwash, too.



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Condos tap into student market

New housing options. It's not uncommon for urban colleges and universities to outpace the availability of local student lodgings



CONDO TRENDS
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As students, Thomas Liu and Jessica Wang of the Lemine Group attended the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus (UTSC) and experienced first-hand the lack of accommodations available to students and faculty at this burgeoning campus in Toronto's east end.

Recently, the husband and wife investment firm teamed up with Devron Developments to introduce the Academy Condominiums by the University, to be located at Morningside and Ellesmere, in an effort to satisfy the urgent demand for new housing options in this evolving area.

It's not uncommon for popular urban colleges and universities to outpace the availability of local student lodgings. At UTSC for example, enrollment is approaching 12,000 students, yet the on-site student residence includes just 765 beds, barely adequate for

a cohort of first-year students. The alternative is often one of the expensive, illegal and inadequate basement apartments in nearby private homes.

UTSC has been growing, with enrollment almost doubling in the past 10 years and expected to increase by a pace of almost 400 units per year, says Pouyan Safapour, Devron's vice-president of operations. "There is a pattern, a repeating issue in terms of the lack of housing around universities."

Recognizing this dilemma, Lemine and Devron selected a strategic property close to the UTSC campus for The Academy. "We're not necessarily building a student-purposed building; it's a regular condo. Whether it's the students themselves, their parents or investors, the biggest market there is the students," says Safapour.

And in Toronto's downtown, the recently announced Dundas Square Gardens condominium complex will be a short walk from Ryerson University's busy campus.

"I think Ryerson right now has 40,000 students," says developer Steve Gupta of Easton's Group of Companies. He sees a great advantage for students living close to school. "If they can cut down travelling time from two to three hours to get to any suburban areas from downtown to maybe five or 10 minutes, that is really, really important for them because they can invest the time in their studies," he says.

With Toronto's high rents, this type of building is a smart alternative for students and their parents and a practical investment over the course of their studies. "They're there anywhere from three to four years minimum when they're doing their graduation. And then if they do a masters, it's two more years. So five, six years where somebody needs to live close by," says Gupta.



The Academy Condominiums will be located next to the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus. CONTRIBUTED



Dundas Square Gardens will be a short walk from Ryerson University's busy campus. CONTRIBUTED

Legal Matters

Duplex versus condo



LEGAL MATTERS
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Can a duplex be sold separately as a condo? I am pretty sure this is happening in other cities. I am wondering if this is happening in Toronto yet?

To the best of my knowledge, you cannot purchase one floor of a house without legally subdividing it into a condominium strata with separate PINs (property index numbers) for each living unit. This would require the filing of all of the constating documents for a condominium. That way, the deed to the property will be split into two separate parcels.

You could also form a co-ownership of a duplex, which means both the lower and upper owners would have to be on the same deed. I would suggest a co-ownership agreement, although this would require a high level of co-operation between the parties. There are obstacles to this type of specialized ownership: What happens if one owner dies? What happens if they want to sell their shares and the other doesn't want it transferred? The situation is full of "what ifs."

For the time being, a condo purchase or buying the entire duplex and renting out one of the floors are your only real options.

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Milan design mash-ups

Collaboration drove invention during Milan's annual design fair earlier this month, yielding the promise of homes without mobile phone chargers — and with more ergonomic seating, table settings fit for Italy's most demanding chefs and sculptures that double as furniture. The show is increasingly the launching pad for high-level collaborations among the fashion, architecture, technological and design worlds. Here are a few highlights

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Alta moda meets mosaic

The Pucci fashion house has teamed up with the Bisazza glass-mosaic makers to create splashy wall mosaics featuring archival Pucci patterns. The collaboration was born out of friendship between Laudomia Pucci and Rossella Bisazza, women who have taken over the historic Italian brands founded by their fathers.

While Bisazza has collaborated with designers before, this is its first with a fashion house.

"The idea is to transfer the print from garments to interiors," Bisazza said in the brand's Milan store. "It is a way to decorate the house."

Three of the creations are envisioned as wall hangings, pieces of art in limited editions of 99. Each bold, geometric mosaic is made from hand-cut stones and takes six mosaic makers 200 hours to assemble. The collection also includes three more-industrialized products that can be installed directly on interior walls.

"It has been a great collaboration, also very easy, very quick," Bisazza said. "It is not always that way."

Fashion designers are increasingly expanding into home and furniture lines to complete their brands. Prada presented its CloverLeaf Sofa, a sectional that creates intimate space for conversation. The sofa, which comes in velvety red, gold and green, commands a large space but can be broken down into elegant S-shaped seating, as Prada did in its via Montenapoleone womenswear store.

Missoni decorated an interior wall with plates in a mix-matched floral and zigzag design that it made in collaboration with the historic Tuscan porcelain company Richard Ginori.

Rossella Bisazza, right, poses in front of a mosaic inspired by Pucci at the Milan Design Fair.



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Many crystals make light work

Baccarat chandelier and tableware on display at the Milan Design Fair.



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Get outside with a pop-up Soullmate

A Dutch design team has created pop-up furniture for temporary restaurants or festivals — a cushioned and heated bench for two with a built-in table that folds into a box for easy transport. The pieces, made for side-by-side dining or working, were dubbed Soullmate.

Cactus cozy for your Starck chair

Seven designers, including Philippe Starck, Sebastian Bergne, Sam Hecht and Kim Colin, have designed "naked" furnishings — chairs, tables, sofas — for an inaugural collection of a new brand concept dubbed Tog, short for together. Consumers can choose from colours and combinations offered by the designers. But Tog co-ordinator and designer Nicola Rapetti said the concept also establishes a network of so-called customizers who offer additions of their own.

For example, one Dutch "customizer" offers knit covers for chairs, and the possibilities for collaborations within the Tog community, as it grows, is endless.



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Ahead-of-the-curve charging station countertops

Powermat wireless recharging technology is being incorporated into Corian surfaces, the DuPont creation that can be moulded into virtually any shape and purpose, making it ideal for kitchen countertops, bathroom surfaces and tabletops — any of which now can become a charging station. The energy transfer is through magnetic induction, not electricity, meaning "there is no chance of sparkage," said Scott Eisenstein, a Powermat vice president.



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Pierre Cardin goes glam lamping

This Pierre Cardin lamp was displayed at the Milan Design Fair. Cardin, a pioneer in ready-to-wear fashion, was also one of the first fashion designers to branch out into furniture. Now his nephew, Rodrigo Basilicati, is spearheading a new collection of Cardin's so called Utilitarian Sculptures.



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Flowering onions or alliums — like the Star of Persia (*Allium christophii*) shown here — mostly appear as pastel pompoms atop slender stalks. Plant this ornamental onion for beauty and not for eating by deer or humans. LEE REICH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Don't fear deer: flowering bulbs

Deer aren't daffy for daffodils. Many spring bulbs make tasty meals for wild critters, but there are some kinds that even a hungry animal will pass up on

Chomping down on a rosette of freshly emerging tulip leaves is just the thing to drive away winter doldrums — for deer. Crocuses probably taste almost as good to them.

But there's no need for us humans to forsake the blossoms of spring bulbs; there are plenty that don't appeal to deer.

Daffodils, for example. Deer won't eat them. So plant daf-

fodils to your heart's content without any worry that their tops will be chomped off before the flowers even unfold.

Hyacinths also don't particularly appeal to deer. Although hyacinths were among the most fashionable flowers in the 18th century, they're not among the most popular bulbs now. Perhaps it's because they're a little stiff and formal, so don't blend well with currently popular naturalistic landscapes. Still, if you've got a place for them, go ahead and plant them and don't worry about deer upsetting your design.

Equally deer-proof and more easily integrated into naturalistic plantings are grape hyacinths, or muscari.

These tiny bulbs are impervious to cold, and spread to

eventually blanket the ground with popsicle sticks packed with pure white, violet, or deep blue flowers.

Many small bulbs are deer-proof

Actually, once you segue over into the world of small bulbs, you open the door to a slew of flowers that both naturalize and are passed over by hungry deer. Some are also the first harbingers of spring: Snowdrop and glory of the snow often bloom right through the snow, the former with white blossoms, the latter in white, pink or blue. Each of winter aconite's yellow blossoms, also appearing in very early spring, is cradled in hand-shaped leaves, decorative in their own right well after the blossoms



Planting the right bulbs can keep deer from feasting in your garden. iStock

Oversized ornamental onions leave you sitting pretty

If you're unfamiliar with ornamental, flowering onions, take a look at chives when they come into bloom. Now imagine those blossoms in deep blue, or in pink, even yellow. And rather than golf-ball size clusters of flowers, imagine flower heads the size of volleyballs, or baseball-size clusters sending out thin streamers of male flowers like fireworks. These are some of the variations on the basic allium flower theme.

Grow colourful, Bambi won't eat

dry up.

After this early show subsides, striped squill, also known as puschkinia, could share the stage with muscari, both blooming fairly early. The loose, pale blue clusters of striped squill won't do for the garden what Darwin tulips do — or would do if the deer wouldn't eat them — but they are welcome nonetheless.

Crown imperial is a deer-proof bulb that could provide the elegance of tulips. The stalks shoot skyward two to three feet and then are capped by a tuft of leaves encircled below by a "crown" of downward-pointing red or yellow flowers. Crown imperial's relatives, Persian lily and guinea hen flower, are also passed over by deer and are beautiful in a more relaxed rather than

regal manner.

English bluebells and wood hyacinth, both botanically squills, share mid-season bloom with crown imperial. These two squills are perfect for naturalizing and brightening the dappled shade of a mid-spring woodland.

Deer also don't enjoy onions

Even as spring rolls into summer, there are colourful bulbs that can make deer look elsewhere for a meal. Flowering onions — alliums — fill this time slot, mostly appearing as pastel pompoms atop slender stalks.

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This sampling of bulbs should be sufficient to convince you that deer need not reduce your spring landscape to a monochrome of green. After once watching deer munch the leaves off a friend's garlic plants, I do hesitate to recommend any plant as completely deer-proof.

Still, planting the above-mentioned bulbs generally sends out the signal: No food here, deer. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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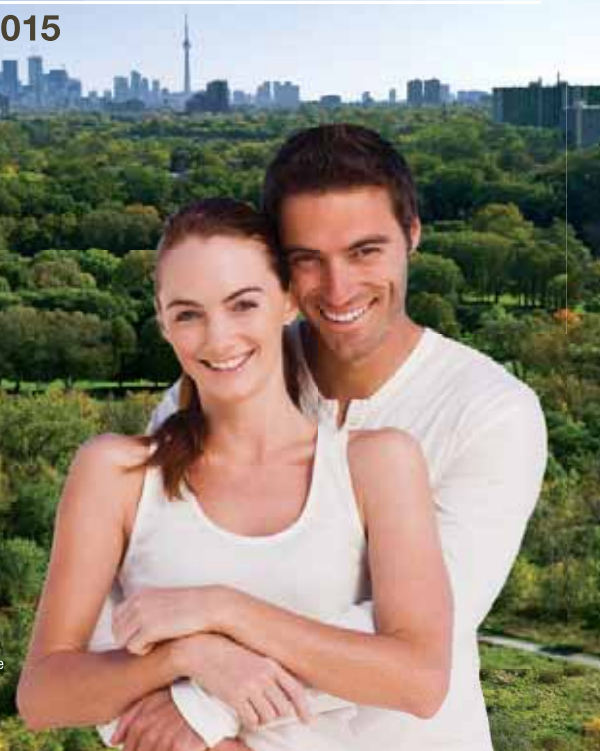
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High-rise sales

Condo market heats up



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High-rise sales in the GTA have had a strong start this year, which speaks volumes about new home buyers' confidence in the condo market.

High-rise sales rebounded in the first three months of the year, up 68 per cent from 2013 and recording the best-selling January and March in the past decade. That's great news when you factor in the importance of new home sales as it relates to job creation and the economy.

So what's the secret behind the condo market's recent resurgence? Low interest rates, improved consumer confidence and a recent flourish of new high-rise projects have all contributed to the boost in sales.

The new projects have presented consumers with

plenty of options when it comes to finding a new home. Whether you want to live downtown, in North York or in Vaughan, there are plenty of design options and price points to choose from.

Our members have also been adding more value for purchasers. To ensure GTA residents can afford to purchase these new condominiums, builders are assisting consumers with deposit and rental guarantee programs.

The quality also continues to evolve. Condo amenities have become increasingly elaborate while more attention is being paid to maximizing use of livable space. As suite sizes continue to decline, architects and designers are finding new and innovative ways to ensure that new condominiums offer comfort, function and style at a reasonable price.

The GTA continues to be a desirable place to live, work, play and shop. The high-rise market remains an affordable option for first-time buyers and new Canadians, and continues to help GTA residents find quality homes that they can afford.

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Clear the air inside the house

Mould and dust. Poor air quality inside is as bad for your health as outdoor pollution

The decor of homes may vary, but the one thing the interiors have in common is air — yet most homeowners don't consider the quality of what they're breathing.

Nooks and crannies

Very few people are aware

of all the nooks and crannies where mould, one of the most common indoor air pollutants, can build, says Norm Hoessmann, licensed home inspector with Victoria's Aardvark Inspections.

"Older homes often have bits of mould in several places, which means they can be overlooked," says Hoessmann. "But if you gather up all those little spots like windows, toilet tank and the thresholds at front doors, and you put them together, there can be a large area of solid mould."

Moisture attracts mould

According to Hoessmann, common places where mould can grow are around sources of moisture and constant water supplies.

Homeowners should be aware of areas under their sinks where leaky pipes might attract mould spores, front-loading washing machines, which can be sources of mould if not aired out after use.

While the rooms we use the most, like bathrooms and kitchens, can be sources of indoor air pollutants, Hoessmann says homeowners need to be aware that mould can also grow near their furnace and air conditioners.

"Furnace cabinets can attract mould because they have the cold air from outside being sucked in to feed the furnace, which meets the warm air in the room and creates condensation, which could create mould over time," he says.

Find source and control it

Combating possible pollutants in a home is as easy as finding the source and then controlling it.

"You find the source of the pollutant in question, like for example if you have a pet you are allergic too, you are able to cope with it by vacuuming, cleaning and regularly removing pet hair from the home," says Connie Choy, air quality spokesperson for the Canadian Lung Association.

"If there is mould, try to remove the source of the mould, and clean up possible mould growth as soon as you see it."

Canadians spend most of their time indoors

According to Choy, Canadians spend 90 per cent of their



Ventilating front-loading washing machines helps eliminate possible areas for mould growth.

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time indoors, and they often forget about the things that can affect the air quality in their homes, which in turn affect their health.

"If you are running a humidifier inside and it has led to more moisture buildup, it can lead to mould growing," she says. "Ventilation is another way to remove air pollutants from the home whether it is a bathroom fan or over the stove when cooking to make sure moisture doesn't build up."

Just because you can't see it...

Homeowners are quick to deal with visible problems such as chipped bathroom tile and faded curtains, but because the air in a home can't be seen, it's easy to ignore the care of it.

"Our homes aren't something we think of very often when it comes to air quality," says Choy.

"Generally I think people think of air quality outside that we breathe, and include a big factory with smoke coming out of it, or someone polluting with their vehicles. We spend so much time indoors and are exposed to so many different things, but we are so busy, we forget to think about the air we are breathing."

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Household cleaners and chemicals can contribute to indoor air pollution.

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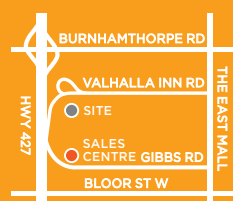
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Stag trophies go from hokey to hipster

**Mounted antlers
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Old world stuffiness
reclaimed with humour

Not long ago, self-respecting young German urbanites would have turned on their heels if they spotted a mounted deer head or a set of antlers in a bar.

In the sometimes subtle language of taste and demographics, taxidermy in Germany screamed old-fashioned, tacky and even a bit right-wing.

Whereas in Britain, for example, mounted animals might conjure up stately homes and quaint rural pubs, Germans would be more likely to have faint echoes of the Bavarian backwoods and a parade of Nazi and communist strongmen earning their macho bona fides with hunting exploits.

But in the tradition of hipsters the world over, stag heads have been flipped into an ironic statement by those self-styled urbane, creative and politically progressive types in the uber-cool neighbourhoods of Berlin, Hamburg and Munich.

And, in the next iteration of the trend, upscale home furnishing designers are even selling blinged-out deer heads with rhinestones and gold-plating.

The staid broadsheet Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung devoted a

lengthy piece this year to the deer trophy, saying it had long escaped "grandpa's hunting hall."

"It was a dust-gatherer, part of a dead animal which, should you have ended up inheriting one, you didn't know what to do with. Would the rubbish collectors pick one up?" Jennifer Wiebking wrote.

She said that taxidermy first started popping up in modish bars and restaurants before conquering the private flats of the style-conscious, where they are of course hung only with a wink, and a nod.

"A rack of antlers is a wonderful style accessory to show that you have a sense of irony," she wrote.

'Retro trash kitsch'

Klaus Siebenhaar, a professor of cultural and media studies at Berlin's Free University, said that if many abroad think of "sauerkraut and sausage" when they think of Germany, Germans themselves link the stag trophy with their own national identity.

"It is the symbol of the German forest, of provincialism, of nature and at the same time of the petite bourgeoisie," he said.

"It is the incarnation of German stuffiness."

He argued that mounted animal trophies were similar to the wildly popular Jaegermeister liqueur which uses a stag's head logo and has

Racking up the irony

"A rack of antlers is a wonderful style accessory to show that you have a sense of irony."

Jennifer Wiebking wrote in the staid broadsheet Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung.

also managed in recent years to straddle the student-pensioner divide.

In Berlin's main hipster habitat, the Neukoelln dis-

trict, animal trophies have become nearly as ubiquitous as full beards and skinny jeans.

Ines Djampour owns Rudi-

marie, a café that attracts students and fashionable young parents alongside a few older longtime residents of the neighbourhood.

Carefully curated mismatched vintage garden furniture, antique lamps and wall hangings make up the decor, and a deer trophy has pride of place opposite the front door.

"In my childhood you saw

an animal trophy and immediately thought of right-wing politics and that side of society," Djampour said.

"I think the time has come to use these trophies as decoration again in a different context with a sense of humour. As soon as they're taken out of one element and put in another, you have a different relationship to them." AFP



A deer head trophy hangs on the wall of the restaurant Raststaette Gnadenbrot in Berlin. JOHANNES EISELE/AFP PHOTO

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Amir Johnson takes the ball to the hoop in front of Brooklyn's Joe Johnson during Game 1 on Saturday at Air Canada Centre. After Toronto's 100-95 win on Tuesday, the first-round is tied 1-1, meaning the Raps' and Nets' season series — including post-season — is currently deadlocked at 3. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA playoffs. Raptors look to translate road success to post-season in hostile Brooklyn

The Raptors have talked the talk. Now they have to walk the walk in Brooklyn.

Toronto backed up their GM's two-word foray into the world of trash-talk by evening their first-round playoff series with the Nets at one game apiece via a 100-95 win Tuesday night. The series now shifts to Barclays Center in Brooklyn for Game 3 Friday and Game 4 Sunday.

"It's going to be a new frontier," Toronto coach Dwane Casey said Wednesday prior to flying to New York. "We've been a good road team in hostile situations, hostile gyms. Our guys have responded."

Toronto collected 22 wins on the road this season, tied with Miami and Washington for tops in the Eastern Conference

Maple Leafs Square will once again be playing the game on the big screen Friday night.

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"It's the best feeling, to play at the highest level of basketball. But it's definitely night and day because every single thing matters. Everything."

Raptors forward DeMar DeRozan on the intensity of the playoffs

(the 22 road wins would have tied for eighth in the West).

One of those away wins came in Brooklyn, where Toronto was 1-1 this season. The teams also split their two regular-season games at the Air Canada Centre.

The trash-talking in Toronto has essentially been restricted to general manager Masai Ujiri's out-of-nowhere insult to Brooklyn at a fan gathering prior to Game 1.

And the two-word slur continues to loom large.

Kevin Garnett, no stranger to trash-talk, wondered what the Raptors' reception will be given the GM's comment.

"I don't know if you can say 'F Brooklyn' and then come into

Brooklyn," Garnett said Tuesday night. "So we're about to see what it's like."

Toronto guard Kyle Lowry was unconcerned.

"Their crowd's loud," said Lowry. "They get real loud, they get chants going."

Does that intimidate you, he was asked? "No. I love it," he answered.

In the Raptors' first dip into the post-season since 2008, Lowry acknowledged "the lights were probably a little bright" for Game 1.

"After that, the lights were dim," he said, meaning the team had adjusted its eyesight to the playoff picture. "Every game we're going to get more comfortable," he added.

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LeBron turns up the Heat on Bobcats

LeBron James of the Heat protects the ball from Bobcats forward Al Jefferson during Game 2 of their first-round playoff series on Wednesday in Miami. James scored 32 points and added eight assists, Chris Bosh scored 20 points and the Heat held on for 101-97 to take a 2-0 series lead. Game 3 is Saturday night in Charlotte. For more NBA playoff coverage, go to metronews.ca. **LYNNE SLADKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Talent from GTA growing in NBA

Basketball. Number of first-round draft picks from T-Dot catching up to that in NHL

More than a dozen GTA-born hockey players have stick-handled their way into the first rounds of NHL drafts over the last few years.

A handful of basketball stars born and bred in the Greater Toronto Area are following in their footsteps when the NBA goes shopping.

In raw numbers, hockey is still king for young athletic talent.

But the comparative numbers may surprise you.

If you include the projec-



Andrew Wiggins GETTY IMAGES

tions for this year's NHL draft, there have been 16 GTA-born players selected (or about to be picked) in the first round since 2011.

If you include the three players likely to go in the first round this year, Andrew Wiggins, Tyler Ennis and Nik Stauskas, the NBA has, or will

have, taken eight first-round picks from the GTA since 2011.

While that number is 50 per cent less than their hockey counterparts over the same time period, you have to consider that the NBA has only had a team in Canada since 1995.

Top basketball officials are excited by the development.

"As of this year, we have nine Canadians in the NBA and that's second only to France, which has, I believe, 10," said Wayne Parrish, president and CEO of Canada Basketball, which oversees the sport in this country.

"By next season, we will almost certainly be the No. 2 nation to the U.S. in terms of NBA players."

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NHL playoffs. Blue Jackets take their turn at playing spoiler in seesaw series

Brandon Dubinsky scored with 22.5 seconds left in regulation to force overtime and Nick Foligno's wrist shot just inside the blue-line 2:49 into the extra session gave the Columbus Blue Jackets a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Wednesday night.

The Blue Jackets overcame a 3-0 deficit for their first home playoff victory in the franchise's 13 seasons, sending the series back to Pittsburgh for Game 5 on Saturday night tied 2-2.

It was the fourth time in the series that the team that scored first — and also went on to hold a 3-1 lead — lost.

Columbus goalie Sergei Bobrovsky was spectacular at times with 22 saves.

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Blue Jackets Ryan Johansen, left, David Savard, Artem Ansimov and Brandon Dubinsky react after Dubinsky scored the game-tying goal against the Penguins to send Game 4 of their first-round playoff series to overtime on Wednesday in Columbus. **KIRK IRWIN/GETTY IMAGES**

Birthday bash

Wrigley Field turns 100 years old

Fittingly, the Chicago Cubs marked Wrigley Field's 100th birthday with a loss.

One out from victory, the Cubs allowed the Arizona Diamondbacks to rally for five runs in the ninth inning in a 7-5 loss Wednesday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



They were partying like it was 1914. Scan the above image with the Metro News app to see a gallery of Wednesday's festivities. **DAVID BANKS/GETTY IMAGES**

MLB

Full Nelson cripples Blue Jays

Nelson Cruz hit two home runs — including a grand slam — as the Baltimore Orioles outscored the Toronto Blue Jays 10-8 on Wednesday night at Rogers Centre.

Chris Davis and Matt Wieters also homered for the Orioles, who came back from an early five-run deficit. The teams combined for seven homers in the game, with Canadian Brett Lawrie, Jose Reyes and Ryan Goins going deep for Toronto (11-10).

Cruz hit his seventh career grand slam in the Orioles' six-run fifth inning. Tommy Hunter loaded the bases in the ninth before holding on for his sixth save. Hunter got Jonathan Diaz to hit into a game-ending double play as Baltimore (10-10) returned to the .500 mark.

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Sarah Burke

Freestyle skiing pioneer inducted into hall of fame

Freestyle skiing pioneer Sarah Burke, who died after a training accident in 2012, is one of eight new members of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

Burke was a world champion and four-time X Games gold medalist in women's ski halfpipe, a sport she championed to be included at the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

She died Jan. 19, 2012 at the age of 29 after suffering an accident while training in Utah.

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March 21 - April 20

Some things are worth worrying about and some are not. Do you know which is which? Chances are money won't mean as much to you over the next 24 hours as it usually does. That's good.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You can't help but make a good impression right now. Just be careful you don't attract so many new friends that you neglect the people in your life who really matter.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You don't need anyone's blessing for what you are planning. All you need is the confidence to begin, and the courage to follow through and finish the job. What are you waiting for? Now's the time.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Your confidence is high and will rise even higher over the next few days. Friendships and group activities are under excellent stars. Get out into the world and see and be seen.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

With the Sun and Mercury moving through the status area of your chart, you will make friends with the right sort of people and there is no telling where that might lead.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You want to take a trip but have no valid reason for travelling. So what? Cosmic activity in the most adventurous area of your chart urges you to let your impulses guide you. You're sure to end up some place that's fun.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Make sure what you wish for is what you truly desire because once it is in your possession you may not be able to give it back. Also, be careful when making promises to friends. They will hold you to them.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The planets indicate that you will gain more if you take an easygoing attitude to getting your way. Aim high but don't think you have to force people to give you what you desire.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

The cosmic picture is so good that most people will respond positively if you approach them as equals and partners. On the work front, especially, if you smile and ask nicely you'll get everything you need.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You don't have to come on strong to make your point. On the contrary, others will be more receptive to what you say if you say it calmly and with no hint of a threat.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You get on well with most people but you also need to be aware that there are individuals out there who are so different to you in temperament that it's unlikely you will ever be friends.

Pisces

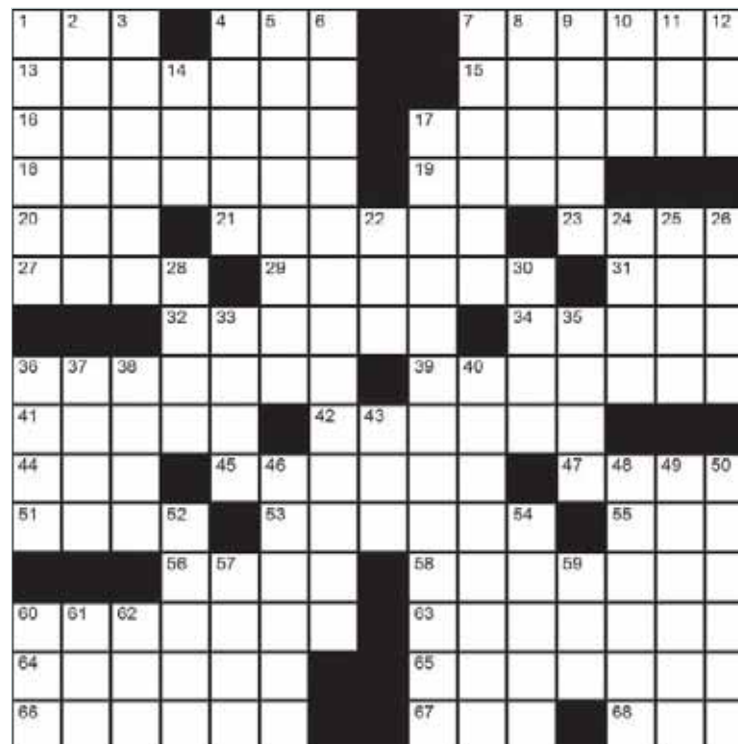
Feb. 20 - March 20

Someone you meet socially will attract you romantically but think carefully before you send out signals of love because the planets warn it may not be the right thing to do. Stay friendly — for now. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Extinct bird
4. East Coast ocean, for short
7. Canadian singer/songwriter, Fefe ____ (See #64-Across for more!)
13. European country
15. Seldom
16. #6-Down's birthplace in Scotland
17. Nurse's prop
18. Industry work unit
19. "____ la vie!"
20. Flight tower serv.
21. Directs
23. Internet destination
27. "I don't ____ problem."
29. Nunavut: Chesterfield and Rankin
31. Retro music syllable
32. Century: French
34. Proprietor
36. .38-____ bullet
39. 'The Twilight Saga' installment: 2 wds.
41. Coke competition
42. Skillfully tricked
44. Journal
45. The ____ Quintuplets
47. Flippant talk
51. ____ decision
53. Sixties super-model
55. Moviedom's Myrna
56. Important caucus state
58. Edmonton-born



- actress, ____ Chong
60. Jason's "Beverly Hills, 90210" role
63. Doing Atkins: 3 wds.
64. New single by #7-Across: "In ____ Hands"
65. Eighty: Spanish

66. One of the Gospels-writers, ____
67. Montreal's plurally 'My'
68. Chicago White ____ Down
1. Molten matters
2. Like David Letterman's show: 2 wds.

3. Rodgers & Hart's "Ten Cents ____"
4. CFL players, e.g.
5. More like a 'Speckled' fish
6. Canadian singer/songwriter of "(You're a) Strange Animal": 2 wds.

7. Least wet
8. Rows
9. Ms. Spears, et al.
10. Ottawa fig.
11. Scratch tickets and more corp. for the prov. between MB and QC
12. Bill 'The Science

- Guy' ____
14. Kyrgyzstan city
17. Film buff's mansion must-have: 2 wds.
22. Kay's follower
24. "This ____ laughing matter!": 2 wds.
25. '70s TV cop Lt. Kojak
26. Make money
28. Unchanged: 2 wds.
30. "____ good now?" (Things are okay between us, right?)
33. Footnote abbr.
35. Terrorist's arms, commonly
36. Mil. two-stripers
37. "____ Flux" (2005)
38. Sports org. for Canada's Rebecca Lee-Bentham
40. Refinement
43. Prefix to 'lateral'
46. Doug & The Slugs hit: "Making ____"
48. Mr. Thicke's ...en francais
49. Location of 1976 anti-apartheid protests in South Africa
50. Grammar topic
52. One of Columbus' ships in 1492
54. Not nahs
57. Baltic Sea feeder
59. Prez pre-JFK
60. Guitarist Mr. King's
61. Soak flax
62. \$20s-spewing source

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Yesterday's Crossword

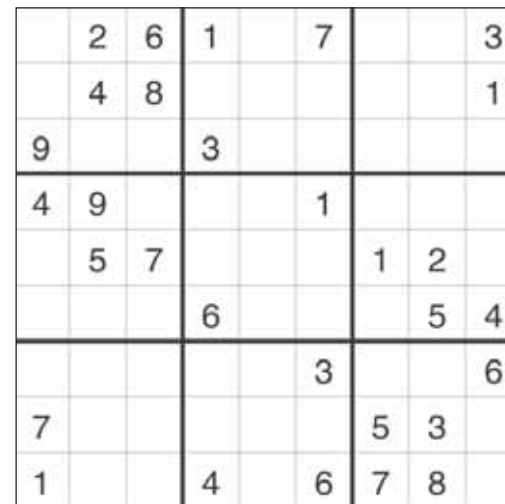


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